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Confident Clinton hails the 'great new future'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MORE than a hundred million Americans turned out to vote for a new president yester-day, inspiring Bill Clinton to celebrate "a new future for the greatest country in the history of the human race".

Officials across the country reported long queues as record numbers cast their votes, with the total passing the 100 million mark for the first time. Five eve of election polls all pointed to the Arkansas governor coasting comfortably to victory to become the first Democrat to win the White House since 1976 and the first president from the post-second world war generation.

However, Ross Perors presence on the ballot paper meant he was likely to be the first president since 1968 to be elected with less than half of the popular vote.

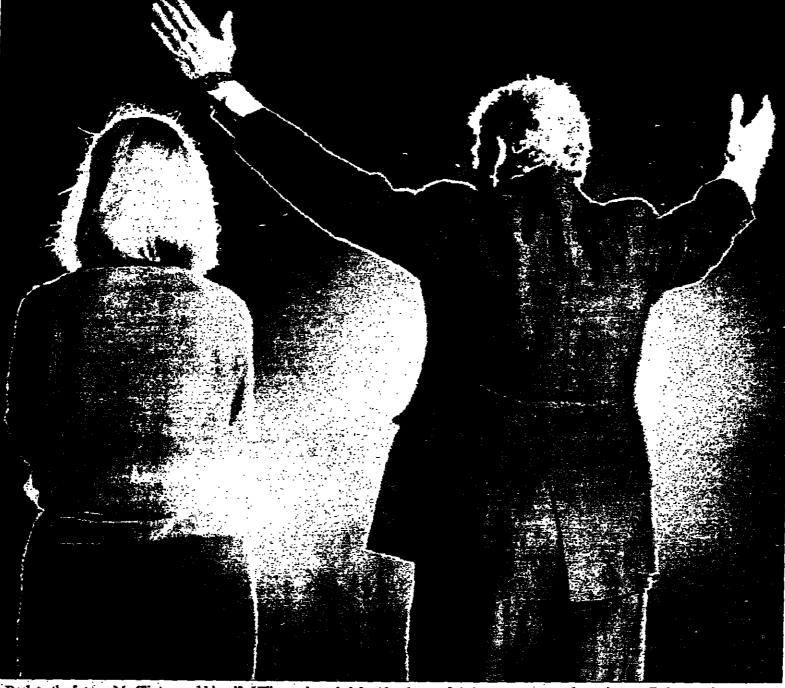
After one of the nastiest campaigns ever, the candidates final appeals to the electorate were tinged with emotion. Mr Clinton completed his marathon campaign with a rally in Colorado shortly after dawn yesterday, introcing his wife. Hillary, as "the next First Lady".

Mr Bush arrived to a rapturous welcome in his home city of Houston on Monday night after the last full day's campaigning of his political career. He insisted he was on the verge of "the biggest political comeback in American political history", adding: "I have a feeling the gods are we are going to win." But his mood during the six-state swing, at times wistful, at others bitter - belied his words and the Republican Senate candidates in Pennsylvania and Ohio conspicuously

failed to attend his rallies. The 68-year-old president said 1992 had been "the most unpleasant year of my life" and "the dirtiest campaign I've ever seen" - although most neutral observers would say that his camp was primarily responsible for that. He damned the reporting of the campaign as "the most biased year in the history of presiden-

His voice cracked as he recalled Operation Desert.
Storm, defying the media to distort an effort so "decent and noble". He talked of the collapse of communism and the start of the Middle East peace talks, and boasted: We've managed a world change of almost biblical proportions." He also spoke of "the countless crises that never

We simply cannot take a risk on Governor Clinton," he declared at one point. He told Americans that "your single voice will echo down the



Back to the future: Mr Clinton and his wife Hillary acknowledging the cheers of their supporters at a last-minute rally in McAllen, Texas

shape the entire lumre of this most blessed, sacred nation that the world has ever known...only, conscience should be your guide."

Yesterday morning, Mr Bush went jogging before woting in Houston and gave a thumbs up sign when asked about his chances.

Mr Clinton's Colorado rally completed a 30-hour, 4,100mile, nine-state tour of America that had him addressing thousands of supporters in Fort Worth, Texas, shortly after 1 am, and thousands more in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 3 am. His message was one of renewal. "Think of-John Kennedy's unrestrained faith in the fitture of America." he exhorted in his ruin of a voice. "I'll try to unite us all, try to stop the division by race, by



the White House — along the campaign trail. Ross Perot: Page 3: The man from nowhere but Hope: how Bill Clinton rose to the top. Al Gore, robot turned pit-bull. And Oxford University raises a glass Page 4: America may re-semble a throwback to 1980,

but much has changed. Plus

ton returned home to Little

Rock, Arkansas, to vote.

Taking his daughter, Chelsea.

with him to the polling booth. he declared: "Whatever hap-

pens, we've done what we

could to make the best case for

the campaign in cartoons

region, by age, by gender. We're going up together. It won't be easy but we can do it." This was "a big election that will shape the future of your country well into the next generation, well into the next

century".
Just before noon, Mr Clin-

the only one to finish flatly. He attracted barely 4,000 followers to a 17,000-seat stadium Page 2: Mud on the road to in his hometown of Dallas The Texan billionaire has nevertheless had a profound impact on the election and though fading in the polls. looked likely to win at least as many votes as George Wallace's 13.5 per cent in 1968. Mr Perot finished as he began, with a \$3 million, two-

> on Monday night. The Republican party was also striving to fend off defeats in yesterday's congressional and gubernatorial elections. A third of the Senate seats were being contested, all the 435 House seats, and 12 state governorships.

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Ross Peror's campaign was Stumbling start to

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN HOUSTON

PRESIDENT Bush started election day with a jog and a prediction, but his early morning run was marred by a stumble. His political career started in Houston three decades ago. Even loyal friends were ready to concede it might end here after what the president himself has called

with the Republican party argued that at least the presi dent had put up a good fight in the final run-up. The president assured the

partisan crowd crammed into

House prices fall by 2.7%

BY LINDSAY COOK

European retaliation.

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON

HOUSE prices fell by 2.7 per cent last month, according to the Nationwide Building Society. Since the end of August they have dropped more than 4 per cent. Nationwide figures

The average house price has fallen more than £13,000 since autumn 1989 to £53,038, the Nationwide says. The latest figures confirm the downward trend recorded by the Halifax Building Society which reported a fall of 3.1 per cent in September and is expected to detail a further drop in October.

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Major attacks Bangemann after 'federal Europe' claim

By Philip Webster and George Brock in brussels

JOHN Major was last night battling to avoid defeat in tonight's Commons vote on Maastricht after angrily denouncing a senior European commissioner's claim that the treaty was a milestone on the road to a federal Europe.

The prime minister and his colleagues continued their efforts until late into the night to win over the dissidents after trying to repair the fresh damage done by Martin Bangemann, a European commissioner from Germany. in a speech that brutally contradicted ministers' claims that the treaty reverses central-ism. Mr Major accused Herr Bangemann of a silly and illinformed speech, which was seized upon by the Euro-rebels as a vindication for their campaign against the treaty British officials swiftly

sought "clarification" from the Commission and appear to have demanded that it issue a statement disowning Herr Bangemann's remarks, which suggested that the principle of subsidiarity, by which Mr Major has set such store, presupposes the idea of a The timing of the words.

precisely as the prime minister was trying to reassure the waverers that Maastricht was an anti-federalist measure, could not have been worse. Delighted rebei leaders believed that they would help to stiffen the resolve of MPs who have been coming under huge pressure from the whips and from their colleagues to back

As ministers prepared for a vote that could determine Mr Major's future, all the calculations pointed to tonight's outcome being a cliffhanger. There was no obvious sign of the rebellion faltering and a few more potential abstainers

were added to independent lists. The latest assessments suggested that some 28 MPs could vote against the govern-ment: a large number of additional abstentions could therefore defeat it.

Thirty-one potential rebels attended a private meeting about tactics in a Commons committee room last night. At least half a dozen hardliners who will also vote against the government were not present

The whips are pinning their hones on last-minute persuasion, a strong performance from the prime minister and the possible failure of a handful of minority party MPs to turn up. John D Taylor,

A two-hour cabinet meeting over the government's £244.5 pillion spending target has a reprieve for the Jubilee line extension to London's Docklands. A public sector pay freeze is favoured by the cabinet to meet spending plans which are not expected to be concluded before the weekend

Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, faintly signalled last night that his party might be open to a deal. While it would be consistent for the party to vote against the government because it opposed Maastricht in its election manifesto, "there may be other issues that influence our final decision", he said.

One minister said at about 4pm yesterday: "If the vote was now, we would lose, but there is another lap to go yet." It was an oblique reference to traditional last-day pressure Continued on page 6, col !

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Exhausted challenger conserves his rhetoric

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Bill Clinton arrived back in his home town of Little Rock, Arkansas, yesterday at the end of a last punishing campaign which took him to eight states in about 30 hours. As he stepped onto the tarmac at the airport, the candidate looked florid but fresh; which is more than

of exhausted aides. The governor, holding the hands of his daughter Chelsea and his wife Hillary, was immediately mobbed by a crowd of supporters. In the midst of a crowd chanting No More Days" and "We Want Bill", he raised a thumb and whispered to the assembled cameras "Yo", or possibly "Go" — it was hard to tell, since Mr Clinton's laryngitis

had become so acute. As he.

shook hands and embraced

supporters, he beamed and nodded, presumably saving his voice for what he, and many residents, hoped would be a victory speech at the planned celebration in the streets of Little Rock last night. Earlier he had addressed a crowd of predominantly Hispanic supporters in McAllen, Texas, and told them: "If you will be my voice. I will speak could be said for his entourage

for you for four years." According to campaign aides the candidate slept little during the marathon bout of last-minute campaigning, but relaxed by playing cards with his advisers and occasionally

Whatever his fatigue, Mr Clinton's rhetoric at each successive campaign stop reached new heights as he compared his destiny to Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

last lap of final race

the "most unpleasant year of my life".

Mr Bush, who voted early with his wife Barbara, refused publicly to acknowledge that he was heading for anything but victory. He wound up his election campaign late on Monday night with what his staff called a Texan-style coming home rally, complete with cheerleaders and a host of stars from the worlds of entertainment and sport. But the razzamatazz failed to raise the spirits of aides who,

Houston's vast Astrodome that the Republicans were on the verge of an historical upsurge victory akin to Harry Truman's 1948 triumph. He seemed to be in nostalgic mood and said he had come home from a "long, long journey a little tired, a little worn but fired up". He insisted: "I have a feeling the gods are smiling at us and I know we're going to win." Then, reverting to the "kinder, gentler" George Bush of his 1988 Republican convention speech, he added: "This is the end of the road," he said. "The last day I will ever campaign for myself for president - or

Comeback Kid who never gave up

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE 1992 presidential campaign. the world's most protracted democratic exercise, is over. As President Bush so eloquently observed, it was weird out there"

Never before has a president of the United States been asked in a televised press conference with a visiting head of state about his 'sexual trysts". Ross Perot was said to have ordered private investiga-tions of Mr Bush's children. The Republicans were caught scouring State Department files for dirt on Bill Clinton's mother.

Dan Quayle, the vice-president, ran against a fictional Hollywood character called Murphy Brown. Mr Bush seemed at times to be campaigning against Oxford University. The election's master of ceremonies was the talkshow host. Larry King.

The year's most excruciating 90 minutes came when Admiral James Stockdale, Mr Perot's runningmate and a complete political novice, was plucked from his Greek philosophy to participate before 80 million viewers in the vice-presidential debate. His response to one question was: "You know, I didn't have my hearing aid turned on. Tell

The story of the campaign was even stranger than its particulars. Last year the Liberator of Kuwait enjoyed the sort of impossible popularity ratings that only communist dictators can expect to attain. Every leading Democrat found pretexts to wait for 1996 (though Mario Cuomo, the governor of New York, agonised until an hour before New Hampshire's filing deadline). The improbable Paul Tsongas was for months the party's lone standard-bearer. But just when the election faced cancellation through lack of interest, Mr Bush's ratings fell further, faster than those of any previous president.

On King's show in February, Mr Perot let slip his interest in the presidency. Within three months, a flood of public anger had made him the first independent since polls began to outstrip the official candidates. The little Texan with the giant ego then self-destructed not once, but twice. The second time he made bizarre claims about Republican plans to disrupt his daughter's wedding and to smear her as a

Clinton survived the Μr unsurvivable — a letter almost proving draft evasion, tapes of him chatting to a nightclub singer who claimed to be have been his 12-year lover. His glibness saved him. "All I've been asked about is a woman I didn't sleep with and a draft I didn't dodge," he declared at one point. James Carville, Mr Clinton's chief strategist, admitted later: "I was just as scared as I have ever been in politics." The unelectable governor of one of America's smallest, poorest states then proceeded to catch the invincible president.

This was the first election since the collapse of communism, but that monumental event gave Mr Bush no help at all. It simply freed voters to contemplate their domestic circumstances. They discovered that they were fearful for their livelihoods and sick of the status quo. A remarkable number of voters were prepared to swallow Mr Tsongas's

George Bush called the campaign weird and what happened to him was weirdest. Luck and sheer tenacity proved to be the making of Bill Clinton, but are they the making of a president?



economic castor oil. Still more were attracted by the anti-establishment populist tirades of Patrick Buchanan, Jerry Brown and, later, Mr

There were scandals galore and enough mud thrown to fill a swamp. but there were redeeming factors. Protectionism and isolationism proved electoral albatrosses, and there was little of 1988's covert racism. The only event that attracted less publicity than David Duke's presidential declaration was the white supremacist's subsequent withdrawal.

Most remarkable of all was Mr Clinton's sheer tenacity. In snowy New Hampshire, following the Gennifer Flowers and Vietnam draft allegations, the media rounded on the 46-year-old Arkansan they



had just anointed frontrunner. He dropped 13 points in four days. The pundits declared him dead. The talk was of brokered conventions and late entries by Democratic saviours. Mr Clinton survived that. He was

dubbed "the Terminator" for his ability to withstand bullets, though genuine article, Arnold Schwarzenegger, was busy lending the president charisma. Mr Clinton also survived a second crisis last June, when he was utterly eclipsed by the Perot phenomenon. He lagged a distant third in the polls, owed \$4 million (£2.6 million) and

could not pay his staff.

This time the danger was not destruction but irrelevance, but he again soldiered on until his fortunes turned. Mr Perot, having loosed millions of Republicans from their

WAS he a prophet or charla-

tan, a genius who could put America back in touch with its

dream or a super-salesman

again? And why at one time in

the summer did more than 65

million Americans support the

Dallas billionaire's one-man

assault on established party

politics?
When he returned to the fray in October, after quitting the race for the White House

in July, erstwhile supporters shook their heads angrily and

muttered words like "mad". Ed Rollins, the veteran political strategist who resigned

from the Perot campaign only 48 days after joining it, de-clared that Mr Perot was a

danger as much to himself as

After his return to the presi

dential race, Mr Perot defied conventional political wisdom, clawing his way back from a

dismal 7 per cent to 22 per

cent, almost where he was in the poil ratings before he dropped out.
But despite the opinion polls

in the spring showing Mr Perot leading both George Bush and Bill Clinton, there

was never any real chance of the Dallas billionaire winning

the presidential election - not

because the American political

system would prevent it, but because the darker side of Mr

Perot's character would derail

For those hankering for a

realignment of American poli-tics, for an end to the restrict-

ing two-party system pitching liberal spendthrifts against conservative ones, Mr Peror's

arrival on the scene was a

godsend. After four years of a lacklustre Bush presidency which failed to grapple with the burgeoning federal deficit,

and after an unedifying con-gressional term of gridlock and squabbles, millions of

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that seemed to favour symbols

over substance, special interest

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ready for something different.

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moorings, abruptly dropped out just as the Democrats were demonstrating a surprisingly attractive new face at their New York convention.

Mr Chinton had a lot of tuck. He was fortunate to face the Democrats' B" team in the primaries. He was lucky to have Mr Buchanan, one of America's premier wordsmiths, lacerate "King George and his hollow army," with his rapier wit. The economic upturn never mater-ialised and Mr Clinton was blessed. by the Republicans' ineptitude that unforgettably sour Houston convention, Mr Bush's refusal even to utter his opponent's name until August

But he made his luck. No candidate was ever more prepared. He had six-point policies for every arcane issue, and instant response to every Republican attack. His reaction to adversity was to shake more hands, make more speeches. appear on yet more shows. He never looked rattled, lost his composure or appeared to be running from the press. So infinite was his stamina that after 20-hour days on the campaign trail he would play cards with aides in the small hours of the morning.

Mr Clinton missed few tricks. He

rushed for example to dub himself the "Comeback Kid" on the night of the New Hampshire primary, a virtual referendum on his candidacy, and the label stuck though he only got 25 per cent. One of the year's most audacious acts was appearing with his wife Hillary on a prime-time news show to answer, or appear to answer, the Flowers allegations. In fact all he admitted was "causing pain in my marriage" While his primary opponents had

Dark side of Perot cast

looked no further than the "Super Tuesday" primaries, he had realised that the nomination would really be wrapped up in the subsequent and he laid his groundwork there months in advance.

He displayed a flair for the unconventional. He grabbed attention when he most needed it by playing the saxaphone in wrap-around dark glasses on a late night talk show. He made seven bus tours through the heartlands subtly to accentuate how Mr Bush was out of touch. He defied conventional wisdom by picking Al Gore, a fellow southerner and baby-boomer, as his running mate, and in doing so turned the race into a generational

Mr Clinton also displayed a flair for the expedient. Hillary was silenced and repackaged when her forcefulness became a liability. He crafted a confrontation with the Rev Jesse Jackson over a black rap singer to show millions of conservative whites that he was one Democrat not in hock to the civil rights leader. He variously positioned himself as a an old-school Democrat, a New Democrat and as a complete outsider, as circumstances dictated. He shamelessly championed welfare reform and the death penalty to avoid being tagged a liberal Democrat

This was a model campaign, but one that begged a question. Were the formidable skills he displayed over the past year those required for greatness in a president?

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Iraq revels over polls

Baghdad: God will ensure that George Bush is crushed at the polls and consign him to the dustbin of history, an official Iraqi newspaper said. "Bush is finished. The punishment of God is not like that of a human being upon a criminal of such nature . "he

(Bush) is going to the dustbin of history .. cursed by everybody until doomsday," the government newspaper alumhouriyah said.

Other enemies of Iraq can also expect to feel the hand of God. Jumhouriyah said. "Everyone who conspired against Iraq is moving towards a black end, to the hell of oblivion, ruin of present and future," it said.

The cancer from which (French president Francois) Mitterrand suffers, the free falling sterling of (British Prime Minister John) Major are clear examples of the punishment of heaven," the newspaper said. "They are dropping like flies." Rentel

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Harry's Bar backs Clinton

Paris: As the polls opened on the East Coast, the Clinton campaign took further succour from a most unscientific opinion poll carried out in Harry's Bar, at 5 Rue Daunou, Paris (Sean Mac Carthaig writes). Since 1924,

there have correctly predicted every presidential contest the Carter-Ford race in 1976. Yesterday's poll gave 385 votes to Mr Clinton, 341 to President Bush and just 88 to Mr Perot. The only qualification needed to vote at Harry's Bar is American citizenship and to be a customer.

Perot wager

London: Lawrence Kallett, of San Diego, California, arrived in London yesterday just in time to place a £5,000 bet on Ross Perot with Ladbrokes. He stood to win £500,000 if the 100-1 outsider became the next president. We will happily buy him a bottle of champagne in the event of a Clinton or Bush victory," a Ladbrokes' spokesman said. "If Perot wins, he can buy it

Student vote

London: Mr Clinton was backed by students at an American college based in the Sussex countryside. Students at the New England College at Ford near Arundel gave their overwhelming support to Arkansas governor in a mock presidential election.

TV walkout

Sydney: About 25 radio jour-nalists with the government-owned Australian Broadcasting Corporation walked out in a dispute over whether news or current affairs reporters should cover the election. (Reuter)

Ottawa ties

Ottawa: President Bush has been a friend to Canada, but Ottawa is ready to forge new ties with Mr Clinton's administration if he wins, Barbara McDougail, Secretary of State for External Affairs, said. (AFP)

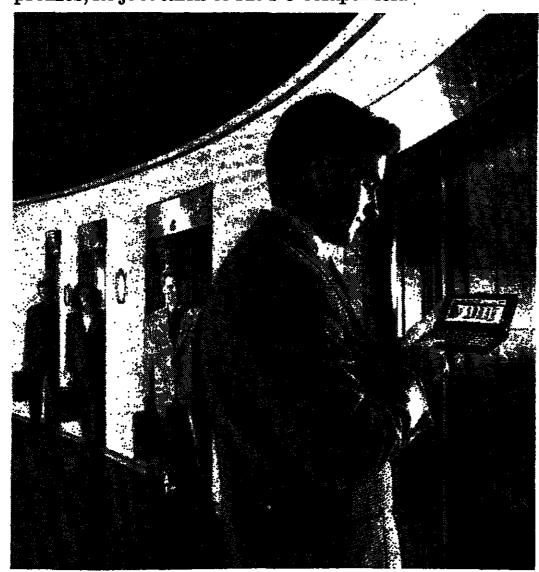
Live cover

Bucharest: Romanian Television offered live coverage of an American presidential election for the first time in the state-owned station's history. (Reuter)

Manila neutral

Manila: President Ramos's administration said it was neutral over the US presidential race after a confidential government memo reportedly predicted relations would im

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Independent air: Mr Perot on network television

more than anything, showed established politicians and Mr Perot. Mr Clinton trotted out well-rehearsed policy argu-ments replete with statistics designed to avoid annoying virtually any sections of Ameri-can life, except for the very wealthy. Mr Bush told America that things were not bad really. They both lacked spontaneity. Mr Perot cut through and reflected what most Americans do think. "We've created a mess," he said.

dean out the barn" Mr Perot's strength in this election reflected the danger-ous levels voter alienation has sunk to in America. He seemed to promise, in his unconventional way, the fulfilment of an old American dream that goes all the way back to the founding fathers:

hungering for simplicity on to the rocks of populist enslavement. Another reason why Amerirecalling his earlier promise to

government without politics. Sober university professors

cans started to draw back from Mr Perot revolved round the glimpses of the conspiratorial. even paranoid, cast of mind that governed much of his thinking. His penchant for intrigue and cloak-and-dagger behaviour came to a head just over a week ago, when he made bizarre allegations about Republican dirty tricks. His poll ratings dropped sig-nificantly last week. The Perot presidential bubble had finally

compared the Perot phenome-

non to fascism, the compari-

son emphasised by the New Republic magazine, a political

weekly, which warned its read-

ers that the no-nonsense busi-

nessman with the marine-style cropped hair was the "tempt-er" who, like past European

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Hillbilly with ideas

aims high FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

IN THE living-room wall of to reconcile differences. His Bill Clinton's childhood home supporters call this consensusin Arkansas, there was a bullet hole caused when his stepfather returned home drunk and angry one night and fired a gun. In a rare confessional moment, the Democrat presidential candidate once said: "I had to live with that builtet hole, look at it every day."

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There is a temptation to trace much of the possible future president's political make up to that incident, and others like it. The Chinton brothers, Bill and his half-

brother Roger, reacted to an unstable family life and parent in different ways: Roger but Bill decided to become nerfect.

The state of Arkansas has provided the back drop for Mr Clinton's bid for the White House: his references to the town where he

was born, a one-horse place

rally last week. But, in the South at least, that is how he has portrayed himself a hillbilly with ideas, a redneck with attitude. The rural poverty Mr Clinton saw, and to an extent experienced in Hope, imbued in him a profound ambinon to better himself and others. But, perhaps most importantly, the vicissitudes of his family life seem to have left him with a determination to be loved, and supporters call this consensus-building, his opponents call it straddling, trying to be all things to all men. There is something in Bill

or could be, for the best in the stickness, but it is more complex, a peculiar mixture of the lonely boy's urge to be loved and the poor boy's urge to Mr Clinton's

childhood was A slicker that of some of his dirt-poor Arkanman would sas neighbours glory in his intelligence but Clinton does not his behaviour is compulsive

in New Orleans Later there was the problem of his stepfather,

have helped to establish his and the wife beating.

Tredentials in a long line of When he was 14. Bitt Clinton stepped in One night, he "They want to label me as a super when they were having redneck hillbilly," he told a an encounter, I told him that I was bigger than him now, and there would never be any more of this while I was there". The drunkenness continued and the family broke up, but the violence stopped. Bill Clinton has been stepping in ever-since. "We're living in a world where co-operation is better than conflict," he now says. He also found another way to make people love him at school he excelled he led the



the choir, was kind to his mother and prayed fervently. Not surprisingly, some of his schoolmates remember him less fondly than others what many found endearing, a few found ingratiating—a pattern that followed him through university and into political life. Mr Clinton's only school reprimand came when a teacher complained that he always had an answer for everything, and always offered it Even now Bill Clinton's hand is metaphorically up before the question has even been asked, whether in the

worked hard, played hall or on the stump. A slicker intelligence but Mr Clinton does not his behaviour is

Excelling in his local Arkansas school gave Mr Clinton a taste for achievement and a talent for tenacity. His persistence, part strength of character, part pure Arkansas bloody-mindedness, was also evidenced during his cam-paign for the presidency in the way he clung doggedly on after the failures of the New Hampshire primary, the scandal of Gennifer Flowers, and the long nervous months of May and June when Ross

Mr Clinton remembers his

Arkansas childhood and a loving, ambitious mother with fondness, and his childhood and his mother gave him the impetus that brought him to within reach of the presidency. With each plaudit - at school, Georgetown, Yale, Oxford, and in the governor's office in Little Rock - Mr Clinton's sense of his ability to forge change and agreement has been reinforced.

Perhaps his most endearing characteristic is the impression he gives of looking over his

date, rode the polls and the strange way he twists his face and bites his lip to avoid looking pleased with himself "Look, ma, I'm flying," is not perhaps the most presidential of sentiments, but it has made millions of Americans like Bill

> The vestiges of Hope have travelled with him throughout the campaign and propelled him on his path to the White House: ambition tempered with an urge to be appreciated, a deep sense of his own political and moral rectinude and, perhaps most importantly, an instinct for compromise. Or how to avoid another bullet in the living-room wall.

for life at the top FROM KATE MUIR IN WASHINGTON

Gore is groomed

ALBERT Arnold Gore Jr was built to be a leader from birth. Critics had suggested he was built by robots, so smooth was his countenance, so wooden were his speeches. But the gruelling days and nights on the stump loosened his stiffness, and the final campaign months have been characterised by pit-bullish, crowd-

Senator Gore's candidacy for vice-president surprised absolutely no one. He was, after all, the son of a liberal Southern senator, Albert Gore Sr, and had spent half his life in Washington, drenched in politics. This was relieved by summers running wild on a farm in his father's state of

Albert Jr attended St Alban's, the most exclusive prep school in Washington, and lived for a time with his parents in the elegant Fairfax Hotel, which his family owned, on Embassy Row. He went on to Harvard and had a brief, successful stint as a reporter in Nashville on The Tennessean. By 28, he was in the House of Representatives: by 36, a senator, and by 44, a

vice-president in waiting. Like Bill Clinton, Mr Gore protested against the Vietnam war at university. The difference is that he did not dodge the draft, largely because his father's patriotism was under attack after the senator expressed anti-war views. Mr Gore also said he did a sixmonth tour in Vietnam as an army journalist because he could not bear to see his childhood friends in Carthage, Tennessee, go to war

while he stayed at home. At that time, he had been courting Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson, whom he had met at a school dance, for five years. They got married in

Mrs Gore recently campaigned against violent lyrics in rock music, demanding that offensive albums and videos should have warning stickers. She expounded her theories in Raising PG Kids in an X-Rated Society. The book was not a best-seller, unlike Mr Gore's environmental

treatise Earth in the Balance, published this year. It has caused him some grief during the campaign, as out-of-context sentences and a suggestion that the world would be better off without the internal combustion engine have, as it were, backfired.

The book is an indication that Mr Gore is a thinker as well as a doer. The televised vice-presidential debate with Dan Quayle showed some of that Certainly, Mr Gore has been "joined at the hip" with Mr Clinton, while throughout the campaign Mr Quayle was seen as a liability and kept as far from President Bush as

Mr Gore has had ambitions of reaching the Oval Office for some time. In 1988, he stood as a presidential candidate against the Rev Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis, but he was routed in the primaries. Soon after that, his son,

Albert III, was seriously injured in a road accident, and as Mr Gore told the Demo-cratic convention: "When you've seen a six-year-old child fight for his life, you realise some things matter more than winning."
He cited the need to be with

his family more when he declared he would not run for president in 1992. His son is healthy now, and when the Arkansas governor asked him to be his vice-presidential run-ning-mate, he was ready to accept the offer.

Mr Gore has come through the campaign far less battered by the media than the other candidates. It was hard to dig dirt on the perfect all-American boy. As one Tennessee Republican put it "Trying to attack Gore is a little like trying to put your thumb on Jell-O (jelly)."

Senators who have worked with Mr Gore find him almost too serious. "When he chooses a subject, he likes to study it until he is very well versed in it," says Lloyd Bentsen, the senior Texas senator. "He is not the sort of senator others gather around because he is a backslapper or has the ability to tell good stories, but he is respected and liked.

Dons glory in their boy as head of Western world

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

THIS morning the dons of University College. Oxford, will breakfast in the knowledge that the most powerful man in the Western world is one of theirs. For months, the 13th-century college has been besieged by enquiries from around the world about Bill Clinton, its most illustrious political alumnus since Clement Atlee, but has remained impeccably discreet about his career as a Rhodes scholar between 1968 and 1970. Now, with victory in the bag. Univ can celebrate. We're preparing a press pack," says one tutor. "After all, he's our

Mr Climon is the first Oxonian to become president, and the university's first candidate since Charles Pinckney, a graduate of Christ Church from South Carolina, who stood unsuccessfully against Thomas Jefferson in 1804 and James Madison four years later. Though he never graduated. President-elect Clinton has made no secret of his debt to Oxford and his lasting affection for Britain.

"I was very impressed." he told Postmaster, the Merton College journal, in a littleknown interview last mornin "I liked England: I was a real angiophile when I was there. For the first two weeks, he spent 14 hours a day on foot touring the ancient city. "I still itmember coming home all those nights, sore and exhibarated. It was simply incredible.

Oxford University can at last go public on Bill Clinton. His application form is believed to have expressed the hope that a Rhodes scholarship would help make him

I remember it like it happened

yesterday". High-table gossip has it that when the 21-year-old from Hope, Arkansas, applied to Oxford, he wrote on the form that a Rhodes scholarship would improve his chances of becoming president. True or not, the rumour captures perfectly the importance of the English connection to the Clinton myth and to the campaign which swept him to the White House.

To Mr Clinton's opponents. Oxford was the scene of his most unpatriotic activities and the roof of his ideological contamination. Clinton the Rhodes scholar was also Clinton the alleged draft-dodger and inept pot-smoker who paid a suspicious visit to Moscow in 1970. The Repubhean machine merrily firelled fear of what the Democrat challenger had got up to when he lived at 46 Leckford Road. and the State Department ordered an "extremely thorough investigation of the challenger's files.

Yet, to Climon supporters. Oxford was the intellectual Camelot where the candidateto-be boned his political vision. and mingled with the cream of American youth, many of

whom will occupy key positions in his administration. Americans, after all, are instinctively deferential towards Oxford. "No other spot," wrote Henry James, "extorts from our barbarous hearts so passionate an admiration." Thus, in a campaign that relentlessly emphasised the need for change, the Arkansas governor's Oxonian credentials provided a reassuring patina of tradition and academic prestige, the ideal corrective to the "Slick Willie" shus that followed him.

In a more subtle sense, Mr Climon's anglophilia helped cement the mythic connection with John Kennedy, whose fascination with Britain inspired his book Why England Slept (1940) and a remarkable relationship with Harold Macmillan Kennedy filled his administration with nofewer than 16 Rhodes scholars. During his presidency, the Senate foreign affairs committee was chaired by yet another Oxford graduate, Senator James Fulbright who later employed the young Bill Clinton. Echoing and exploiting the Kennedy legend in this and other ways, Mr Clinton short-circuited the potentially disastrous memory



A Yank at Oxford: Bill Clinton, the Rhodes scholar, in his University College days

dale and Michael Dukakis. Oxford's principal legacy to

the administration will be people. There are at least 11 Rhodes scholars among Mr Clinton's close advisers. But there will also be an intellectual pay-off. By his own account, Mr Clinton's time was formative, persuading him "that America had to be involved in the rest of the world, had to be engaged. It made me an internationalist in that sense". He heard Harold Wilson at

the Union. He ploughed

through 300 books a year and

reflected on the relative ments

of Jimmy Carter, Walter Mon- of British parliamentary democracy and the American separation of powers. He also developed a distaste for class division. "I ate lunch in the market almost every day." he recalled, "and I spent a lot of time talking to ordinary citizens, not just university people. I was always struck by the distinctions of class. that's something I thought was not a good thing".

Yet there are ironic signs that President Clinton's policies may strain the special relationship between Britain and America. Mindful of the Irish Democrat vote, he has said he would send a "peace envoy" to Northern Ireland and give Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, a visa to enter the United States. So as Oxford dons toast the

glory of "their boy" and contemplate the millions of dollars which will surely flow into 1970 and have four children. the university coffers in the next four years, the mood at Number Ten will be more sombre. John Major may wonder if he can play Supermac to Mr Clinton's Kennedy; and whether American anglophilia adds up to much in the cut and thrust of transatiantic politics.

Clinton faces a new world

■ The election outcome may appear to have turned America full circle back to 1980, but in fact much has happened to the country since Jimmy Carter was ousted

By Charles Bremner

JUMP back 12 years and the scene in America looked remarkably like it does today. A discredited, weak president loses after a single term which saw his country beset with a stagnant economy and wracked with social malaise.

The wheel, it seems, has turned full circle since that day of Jimmy Carter's defeat and the election of Ronald Reagan. Perhaps history will record the Reagan revolution and the Bush postcript as something of an oddity, a curious interlude in the course of America's decline. Certainly, to borrow the old Reagan campaign line, most Americans feel no better off than that day when they tried to banish the Vietnam syndrome, stag-flation, the humiliation of the Tehran hostages and oil shocks, along with Mr Carter. the hapless peanut farmer from Georgia. But that would dismiss too easily the legacy of the Reagan-Bush era.

The United States and the since the autumn of 1980, when a

demoralised Democrat America of wide set for lapels and dunky cars was taking it on the lip from presidency the Arabs, the of a nation Iranians and, hard to remember now, the "Sothat passed viets" and their clients around the under globe. Bill Clinton will be able to Reagan and return Democratic leadership to a **Bush from** revival to absorbed big lessons from their exaltation, Reagan-led journey through revivhubris and al to exaltation, hubris and back back to to anxiety. The Arkansas

governor captured voters not by offering a re-turn to the Keynesian liberalism of the Democrats, but by abandoning the old baggage and espousing a tough-minded approach that draws on the Reagan ideals of individual responsibility, low taxes and market freedom. Americans may be anxious about the future, but the often harsh recipes of the Republican years have forged a sense of realism about global economic competition. And no Democrats would any more think of mocking, as they once did, the fierce anti-communist convictions which Mr Reagan brought Washington. From Latin America to the salons of socialist Paris, the left-wingers who used to sneer at the "dangerous hysteria" of the capitalist cowboy president now acknowledge that he got there before them.

In the chastened aftermath of the Reagan years, however, the failures loom large. Voodoo economics, the term which Mr Bush used to skewer Mr Reagan's supply-side ideas when he ran against him in the 1980 primaries, helped to generate a boom but they also bred fiscal irresponsibility and the explosion of the deficit to \$4,000 billion (£2,560 billion) over the 12 years. By the time Mr Bush took over, it was clear that real wealth had not trickled down, as promised, from the tax-relieved rich who did so well. A visit to any part of Ameri-

ca, from the recently booming sunbeit to the wastelands of the industrial north, will reveal the failures of Reagan-Bush laissez-faire which Mr Clinton

aims to redress. Gleaming 1980s towers dominate cityscapes surrounded by squalor and anarchy and then by outer rings of increasingly fortified suburbs. Roads and bridges are crumschools. About 30 million people live in fear of medical bills for which they have no insurance. Most damaging of all for the national psyche. unemployment and fear of hard times are hitting the middle classes more severely

than any time since the 1930s. In their worried mood. many Americans ridicule what now seems to be the hollow optimism of Mr Reagan's "Morning in America" the self-glorification which reached its apotheosis in the time between his re-election in 1984 and the twin disasters of the Challenger space shuttle and the Iran-Contra affair in 1986. Like newly sobered drinkers. Americans look back with disbelief at the euphoria of the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, the gloating over the invasion of Grenada and the air raid on Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, and the idolising of take-over barons,

Rambo and Oliver North. It is hard to remember that world have altered greatly at the time, millions of Ameri-

cans shared Mr Reagan's worry that Daniel Ortega's Nicaraguan tanks were "only two day's drive from Texas". It also seems that it was another America which was prepared to ignore Mr Reagan's bumbling. the Iran-Contra affair and the astrologers in the White House, as well as the administration which produced the Savings and Loan scandal, the biggest corruption scandal in American history.

Yet, for all the 1980s and their coda, historians will surely credit Mr Reagan.

though not his successor, with restoring morale and ridding the country of its sense of guilt over its failed anti-communist adventures, from the Bay of Pigs to the fall of Saigon. The Soviet Union was an atrophied, collapsing hulk when Mr Reagan took over, but its capacity for mischief re-mained great. What seemed like dangerous American intransigence to all those German peace campaigners, convinced Yuri Andropov and Mikhail Gorbachev, his protége, that the new arms race would bankrupt their country. Mr Reagan's vision may

now seem a nostalgia-tinged one of a Norman Rockwell city on the hill, but at least he had one. Mr Bush failed to come up with a plan. Handed victory in the Cold war, Mr Bush talked of a "new world order" but stayed reactive to China, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the invasion of Kuwait. His resolve and skill in martialling the coalition force there only partially erased the damage from encouraging Iraq and the credit was dimmed by President Saddam Hussein's survival. At home, the man who promised to be "the education president" and "the environmental president" became the "out-of-touch president". The compassionate "kinder, gentler" approach never emerged, leaving racial and

social troubles to fester. Mr Bush, surely the last American leader of the world war generation, had the misfortune to inherit the White House after the moral victory was won both at home and

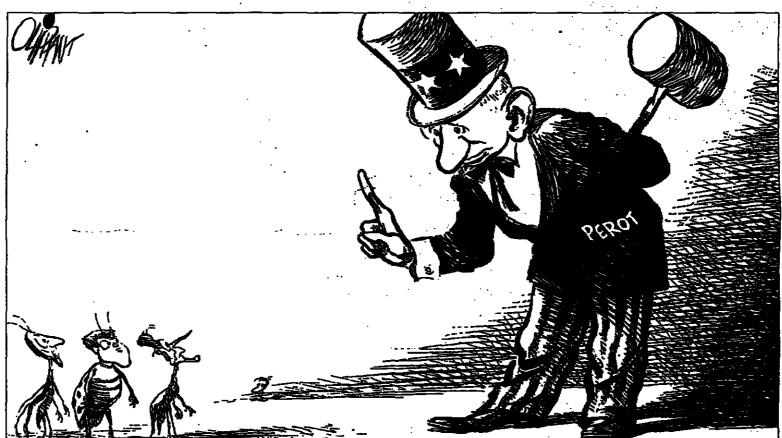
With nothing left to fight and no clear cause, he ended up a fairly competent steward of a nation that came to crave

The campaigning cartoons













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I will do what I have to do to get re-elected

George Bush to David Frost . . . in January He doesn't seem to stand for

anything Rorald Reagan on Mr Bush A mean son-of a bitch who acts like a mafioso Bill Clinton on Mario Cuomo What began as a little rebel-

lion has emerged into a fully fledged middle-American

37 per cent in the New Hampshire primary I think he's going to get opened up like a soft peanut in November Bob Kerrey on Mr Clinton

before the Georgia March

It's an outrage. It's a dirty, double-crossing, back-stab-bing thing to do ... an act of absolute dishonour Mr Clinton, unaware that he was being recorded, after being told erroneously that Jesse Jackson had endorsed

I suppose I could have stayed home, baked cookies and had

teas Hillary Clinton after Jerry Brown accused her husband of channelling Arkansas state

business to her law firm When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two and I didn't like it. I didn't inhale

Mr Clinton during the New York primary We have never said to the press that Clinton's a philandering pot-smoking draft-

Mary Matalin, political direc-tor of the Bush campaign Your first term has been a great disappointment. You broke promises. You vacillated. You showed little domestic leadership. You contin-ually blamed others. Actually, there's been a disconcerting whine about your whole

A Houston Post editorial as Republicans gathered for their convention in Mr Bush's

There is a religious war going on in our country for the soul of America. It is a cultural war, as critical to the kind of nation we will one day be as was the Cold war itself. And in that struggle for the soul of America. George Bush is on our side. And so we have to cime home and stand beside

Mr Buchanan in his speech to the convention I bit the bullet, and he bit his

Mr Bush in his convention speech on Mr Chnton's Gulf war equivocation It left out three simple letters.

Mr Bush on the Democratic party manifesto Tonight I say to the president: Mr Bush, for 12 years you've had it your way. You've had your chance and it didn't work. It's time to change

Mr Clinton to Mr Bush in the first presidential debate Your father was right to oppose Joe McCarthy, You are wrong to question my patriotism

Mr Clinton to Mr Bush at the They've got a point. I don't have any experience in run-ning up a \$4,000 billion debt Ross Perot after Mr Bush accused him of inexperience Who am I? Why am I here? - James Stockdale, Mr Perot's

running mate, in the vicepresidential debate My dog Millie knows more about foreign affairs than these two bozos Mr Bush on Mr Clinton and

Resentful Republicans give the media a bad press

FROM ANTHONY HOWARD

AT LEAST twice last week. George Bush had to plead with crowds of loyal Republicans not to take their resentment out on the press corps travelling with him. Active antago-nism towards newspapers and tele-vision — "annoy the media, re-elect George Bush" — has characterised the Penublican comparised

the Republican campaign.

The Bush-Quayle camp certainly does not believe that it was given a fair shake. The president himself, sometimes sounding like Spiro Agnew or even George Wallace before him, seldom lost an opportunity to deride those whom he termed "the

talking heads of the national media. that come on and tell us everything that is bad about America". In the end, if only to protect the journalists and film crews from the wrath of his followers, he was forced to tone down his attacks and declare an "amnesty". But the frustration and anger of the Republicans is unlikely to go away. It has been, of course, a recurrent

theme of Republican politics. Indeed, it was largely resentment against the media that led Richard Nixon to coin the phrase "the silent majority". But this year the Republicans may have had more legitimate grounds for feeling persecuted than usual. That was not, however, entirely the fault of "the liberal media". Even the

more established conservative voices in the press found it hard to say much on behalf of Mr Bush's claims to reelection. The most illustrious right-wing columnist, George F. Will, announced on Sunday he would not be voting for Mr Bush but instead entering a write-in vote for the administration's semi-detached housing secretary, Jack Kemp.

Not that Bill Clinton's campaign by any means had things all its own way. No presidential candidate has ever been subjected to greater assault and battery by the media than the Democratic candidate was back at the start of the primary season last February. But, somehow, the very fact that he survived all the damaging

allegations that were then made provided him with a breastplate later on. The efforts of the president, in particular, to make something sinister out of the young Mr Clinton's visit to Moscow as a Rhodes scholar in 1969 — or his claimed role in organising anti-war demonstrations "in a foreign land" — fell notably flat.

The Republicans faced an uphill struggle in trying to make "charac-ter" the issue. With the exception of such eccentric papers as The Washington Times, the media soon lost interest even in the draft issue. The same went for Gennifer Flowers. whose interview in the current Playboy scarcely raised a ripple. Was the Clinton campaign given a

soft ride? The Republicans will certainly believe that but then they bear the scars of seeing Mr Clinton collect a record number of editorial endorsements, with even one in The

Economist being held up to a wondering domestic gaze.

More important, though, may well have been the relaxed relationship which the Democrats succeeded in establishing with the press. Reporters never made any secret of the fact that they much preferred following the Clinton campaign. The president has never enjoyed an easy association with the media. The boys on the bus" may not carry any precaucts but they still play some part in shaping the climate of opinion.



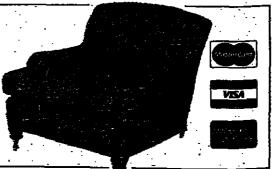


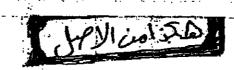
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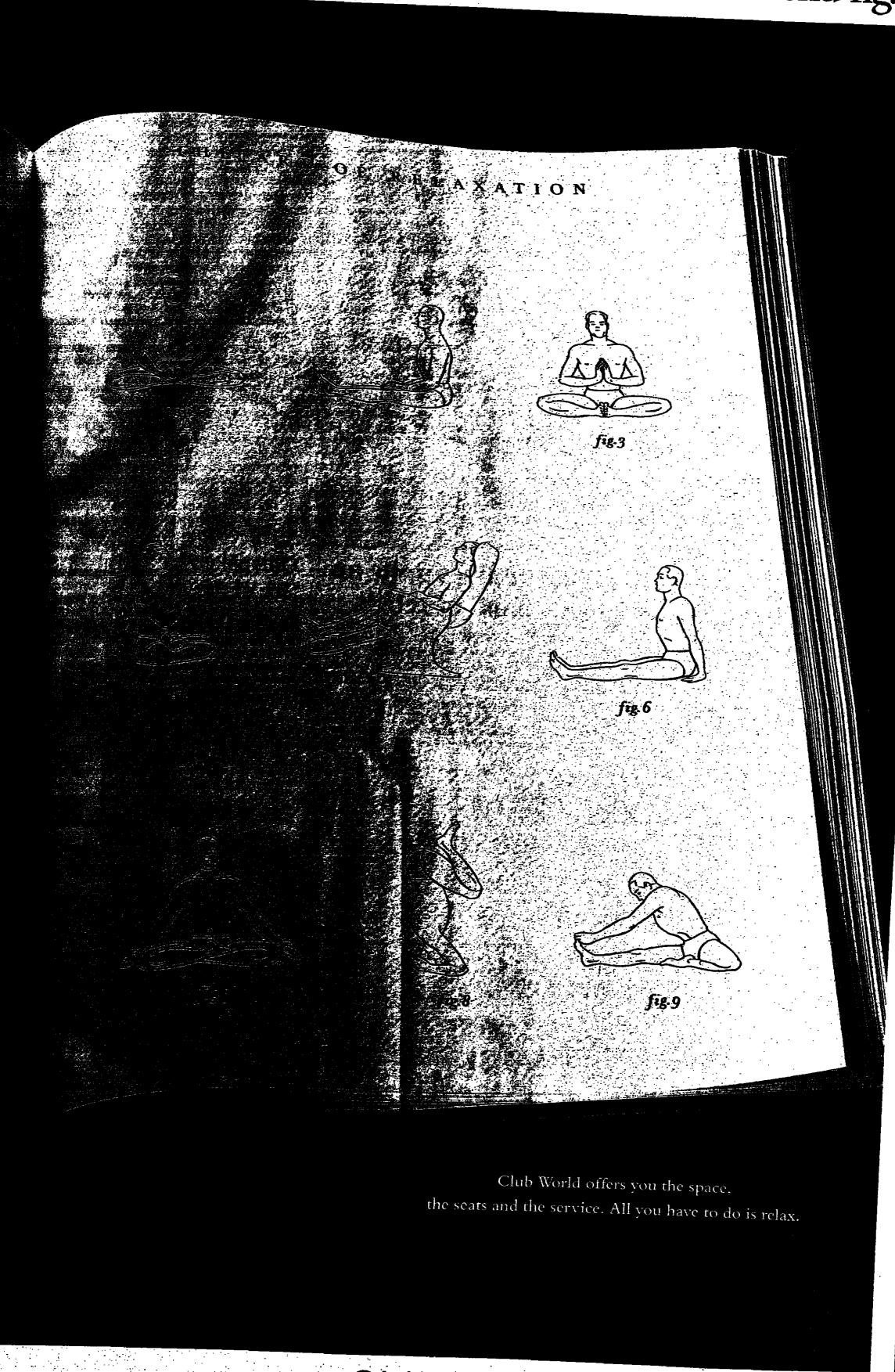
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Major's cattle come forth to crush the insects

Because, remarked Ed-mund Burke, "half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud and are silent. pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only ithhabitants of the field that, of course, they are many in number; or that, after all, they are other than the little, shrivelled, meagre, hopping, though loud and troublesome, insects of the

Yesterday in Parliament. with tonight's moment of truth drawing closer and the

chinking ever louder in the press, the great cattle of the Tory backbenches judged it

James Hill (C. Southampton Test, approx 15 stone) has been chewing the cud down in Hampshire over the weekend. He is increasingly irritated by the grasshoppers. He hasn't, you understand, committed the whole Maastricht treaty thing to memory — suspects, indeed, that bits of it are pretty rum (hasn't the PM said as much himself, dammit?) - but he does know a bit about Europe, which is more than some of these young whippersnappers call-ing themselves the '92 group seem to. Hill is part of the '68



his second quarter century in Parliament, he is described in Roth's Parliamentary Profiles as "broad, thickset, gepragmatic, commonsensical. local gut-rightwinger, well-heeled pigbreeder and expilot". A chap who crewed flying boats for BOAC ('47-'58, with three years in Aden Airways) knows a thing or two about loyalty to your mates in a tight spot. James Hill attends assidu-

ously but does not speak too often - not one of your

twitterers about every damn thing. Yesterday, however, with the order paper showing his name attached to question number two to the PM, was a time for helping a chief in

f his broad, thickset, genial. local gut-rightwing, well-heeled, pigbreeding instincts had not told Mr Hill as much already. the whips would have, several times: and then reminded him again after lunch. And, if Mr Hill had not already seen

in Monday's Times a letter from top industrialists stressing the importance of Maastricht to British industry (and pigbreeding?) then the whips would have drawn that, too, to his attention. "You might," they would have added (in the respectful way you do to a broad, thickset person) "care to draw the House's attention to that letter, James."

But Mr Hill doesn't need whips to tell him that. The whips to tell him that. The importunate chink of the grasshoppers all around him does. At 3.18pm he rose, slowly, testily but with immense dignity, as might any great beast of the field, disturbed by insects. His moment had arrived. The prime minister was 2000 minister was agog.

letters page of Monday's Times, summarising the gist, which was that Europe was good for industry: and that it is (he mooed) "absolutely essential that we ratify M ...

Here occurred a tiny but electrifying moment's hesita-tion. Would Mr Hill get stuck on the Mm of Massricht?
Might "Mmmm you
know what" have to suffice?
No. Whips wiped their brows
as Hill finished the word

From all around him came a lowing of supportive moos, as other great beasts raised their heads approvingly. The grasshoppers were momen-

Right-wing ministers refuse to join revolt

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

RIGHT-WING ministers were rallying to John Major's side last night on the eve of tonight's cliff-hanging vote on the Maastricht treaty.

As many as 20 ministers are understood to harbour serious reservations about pressing ahead with ratification of the bill. But they intend to back the prime minister in the division lobbies because they fear that defeat could precipitate his fall and a leadership election in which he would be replaced by a more pro-European figure such as Kenneth Clarke.

Tory rebels have been talking about "cashing in their chips" and seeking the resignations of half a dozen highly sceptical junior ministers such as Michael Forsyth, Neil Hamilton, Edward Leigh and Jonathan Aitken.

But one minister dashed the hopes of the rebels last night that their numbers might be boosted by last-minute resignations from the government. He said: "John Major is the right-wing candidate."

Right-wing ministers have accepted that a gulf had opened between them and their supporters on the back

EC official gives boost to sceptics

Continued from page 1 that will be exerted on the rebels. One senior MP remarked: "There are several knighthoods on the line tonight"

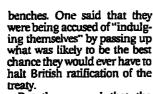
The rebels' dilemma was whether to throw all their support behind a Labour amendment, to be voted on first, calling for the bill to be delayed until after the Edinburgh summit, or to wait for the government motion and try to deliver a more lasting blow to the ratification

Herr Bangemann, the senior commissioner in charge of the single market, made no direct references to the interpretations of the treaty which British ministers have been using to win round the Tory waverers, but he set out to undermine several cherished defences of the treaty made by both Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. He said in a "Europe Day" speech in Berlin that subsidiarity made sense only in a federal system of government. "Inadequacies of Community decision-making cannot be remedied by returning power to member states. ... The notion of subsidiarity presupposes the idea of a federal European state."

When Herr Bangemann's intervention was raised in the Commons. Mr Major said the speech was wrong. The Commission had already made "absolutely clear these were personal remarks" and did not reflect the views of the Commission: "Nor, I can assure you, are they my views, the views of this government or of any mainstream government in Europe."

🛘 Uffe-Ellermann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, yesterday formally presented Denmark's proposals for changes in the Maastricht treaty to Mr Hurd so that they could be put by the British presidency to the Edinburgh summit. He said he hoped that the suggestions would be the basis for a framework agreed at the Birmingham summit that could be put to Danish voters in a new

Simon Jenkins, page 16



But they argued that the internal cabinet battle over the future direction of economic policy was more important than the fate of the treaty.

Mr Major was said to have bolstered his support inside the government by strongly identifying himself with new economic policies, emphasician the important policies. sing the importance of growth and turning his back on the high interest rates needed to sustain British membership of the European exchange-rate

Cabinet minutes were said to record that ERM membership was not part of government policy and that Britain had no intention of rejoining. Mr Lamont's Mansion House speech, in which he endorsed the growth policy, was said to have been rewritten in 10 Downing Street. It is under-stood that the original draft supplied by the Treasury laid too much emphasis on fighting inflation and too little on nding the recession.

One minister said that the internal cabinet debate over Maastricht had been less fraught than it was before Mr Major's negotiation of the treaty last Christmas.

There were three reasons for this: Euro-sceptic ministers regarded the treaty with its optouts as the best available deal: the economy was the most important issue facing the government; and the treaty would probably fall apart from its internal contradictions. One minister said there was now no chance of a single currency in Europe.

Against this background, Euro-sceptic ministers did not want Mr Major to lose the vote and to come under intense pressure to resign. They regarded the obvious alternatives - Mr Clarke, Michael Heseltine and Douglas Hurd - as much worse. They pointed out that the right lacked a candidate in the absence of Mr Major, Michael Portillo was too young, Michael Howard and Peter Lilley lacked the populist touch and Kenneth Baker, the only heavyweight possibility on the back benches. still suffered from his Heathite past.

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Disparate motives unite an unlikely band of rebels

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND SHEILA GUNN

SIR Richard Body, John Wilkinson, Nicholas Winterton and Michael Spicer are among the Tory MPs certain to vote against the govern-ment in tonight's crucial divisions on Europe. That much they have in common. But they will be approaching the vote from widely differing standpoints and with disparate motives.

Sir Richard, MP for Holland with Boston, comes from the original anti-marketeers. With John Biffen, the former Commons leader, he voted against the bill that took Britain into the Common Market in 1972, and has a consistent record of rebellion on European issues.

He said: "I have always believed that small countries working together will work much more happily than having some great new superstate. For more than 1,000 years, attempts to create a superstate in Europe have ended in

This group of "irreconcilables" are joined by the "constitutionalists", such as William Cash, James Cran and Christopher Gill, who argue that British law and sovereignty are being eroded at every turn by Brussels and see the Maastricht treaty as the latest staging post. John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip-Northwood, said: "Until the British people have affirmed by a majority expressed in a referendum that they wish the treaty on European union to be ratified by the British Parliament, I do not believe we should recognise that process of ratification."

But perhaps the largest

group heading for the anti-government lobbies are the free marketeers. This group includes Mr Spicer, Nicholas Budgen and several of the new intake of broadly Thatcherite Tory MPs such as Iain Duncan-Smith, Walter Sweeney and possibly Bernard Jenkin. Their objections are rooted in opposition to fixed exchange rates and moves towards a

single currency. as the "patriots", the uncompromising British-is-best faction including Ann and Nicholas Winterton, John Carlisle and Tony Marlow, on whom the whips gave up long ago. "I am more of a Conservative than the government," said Mr Winterton, who considers it lunacy to spend so much time talking about a treaty instead of saving jobs and injecting confidence into

"It is grotesque for the prime minister to talk about a referendum being unnecessary, because Parliament has the right to decide. This de-

the economy.



will end in tears"

bate should be the opportunity for MPs, free of party whips, to indicate their views and the implications for this country and their constituents of the

treaty," he said. Some Labour MPs will go into the lobbies hoping that voting against the government will neither bring the Maastricht process tumbling to the ground nor ruin the party's painstakingly acquired European credentials. The party's keenest Europeans, of whom John Smith has always been counted as one, are making it plain that the vote must be speedily followed by moves to return to a pro-Europe stance. Roy Hattersley, the former deputy leader, has already said that he would not countenance opposing the third reading of the bill.

Giles Radice, Labour MP for Durham North, does not believe that defeat for the government will spell the end for Maastricht. "Personally I do not think the government will lose but, if it does and Major goes, the odds are that he will be replaced by a stronger pro-European such as Kenneth Clarke.

For the Liberal Democrats, the motive is clear. Labour's decision to go for the throat has left them free to reclaim their mantle as the most European of the British parties and to make a stand on principle. Just one of them, Nick Harvey, MP for Devon North.

will be making his own stand He has always opposed the treaty over what he sees as its centralising tendencies, and will not back the government

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

pean Commission.

Europe and of German interests in the Community. A witty, weighty figure, fluent in French and English and able to speak Spanish and Italian, he was German economics minister for four and a half years until his posting to Brussels in 1989 as commissioner for the internal market. Despite his wish to expand

his brief to cover external trade, his performance has not lived up to its promise. He Sir Leon Brittan, whose comclashed with Herr Bange-mann's. His most solid achievement has been the attempt to open up Europe's car market and his tough stance on negotiations with

He caused bewilderment in Britain by proposing to outlaw prawn flavoured crisps. and then angered football fans with proposals to limit the number of foreigners in European football teams

Outspoken foe of the prawn crisp

By MICHAEL BINYON

MARTIN Bangemann has a reputation as a volatile, emotional and unpredictable commissioner whose frank outbursts often considerable embarrassment to his officials and to Jacques Delors, president of the Euro-

A former member of the European parliament and leader of the German Free Democrats, he has been outspoken in defence of a federal

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has become a fierce rival to petition portfolio has often

Confusion extends death throes of Irish coalition

By Edward Gorman IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE future of the Irish government remained seriously in question last night after the junior coalition partner delayed its decision to withdraw by at least two days.

The Progressive Democrats seem to have lost their nerve at the last minute, confounding expectations of an immediate collapse of their coali-tion with Fianna Fail, which has survived three and a half years.

The nine-strong parliamentary par-ty met early in the day for what was expected to be a simple rubber-stamping of its decision to leave the government. This followed repeated ailegations by Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, that Des O'Malley, the democrat leader, lied on oath in evidence to a Dail-appointed enquiry

into the beef industry.

All the indications up until that meeting from both the democrats and Fianna Fail ministers were that the government was as good as finished and a general election could be held as early as November 26.

Instead, after almost two hours, Mr O'Malley emerged to inform journalists that the party had adjourned its

meeting until tomorrow. He said he understood that today Mr Justice Hamilton, the chairman of the beef tribunal, was to hold a special investigation into Mr Reynolds' allegation against him. The party wished to hear the result of that investigation before taking its final decision. But Mr O'Malley added: "I see absolutely no reason at this time to alter in any way the party's analysis of the implications

of this outrageous allegation."

Later in the day, however, Mr
Justice Hamilton took the unprecedenied course of issuing his own statement which appeared to contra-dict directly Mr O'Malley's interpretation of what will happen today. The judge said the democrat leader had been "inaccurate and misleading". He would not be holding a special investigation, he was merely attempting to clarify the facts which had given rise to the dispute between Mr Reynolds and Mr O Malley.

Even before the judge's intervention the democrats' manoeuvre had created confusion and a certain amount of amazement at Parliament Buildings. One interpretation was that the party was making a fairly crude last-minute attempt to try to absolve itself of blame for causing an unwanted gener-

al election. But at the same time, it has succeeded in placing the chairman of the tribunal in an impossible position. Experts on the ten-month enquiry quickly predicted that the judge would not even consider making an interim finding on an issue which he has already described as "unseemly, dis-tasteful and not part of the purpose for which the tribunal was set up".

Dick Spring, leader of the Labour party, said the democrats had created a very difficult situation. "I would question the propriety of the course of action that they have chosen in relation to bringing the charman of the tribunal into what is basically a political row," he said. "I think it is a very dangerous course of action." A leading Dublin political commentator dismissed the democrat gamble more bluntly: "Such a direct interference in the political system on the eve of an election would certainly be mind-

boggling."
There was little expectation in Dublin last night that these lastminute manoeuvrings would in the end save the government, which appears too unstable and shot through with recriminations and distrust, to survive. Yesterday, for the first time, Mr O'Malley and Bobby

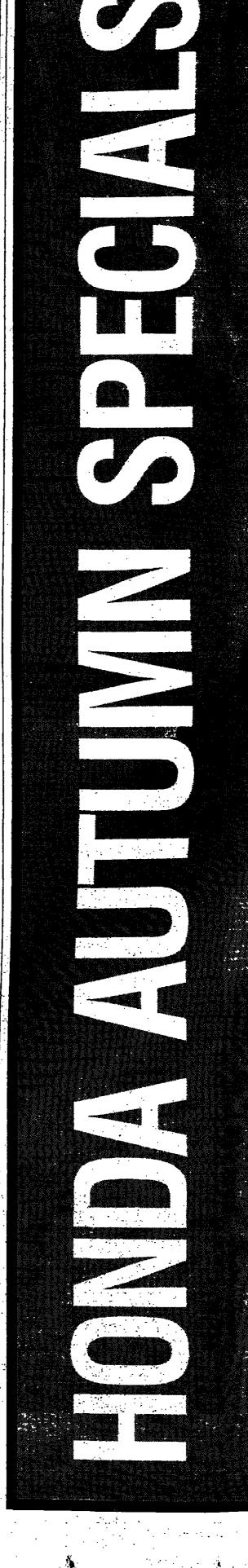
Molloy, his cabinet colleague, failed to turn up for a cabinet meeting and it will be difficult for them to go back now. "The PDs don't seem to have achieved much more than a stay of execution — the election is still on," commented one Fine Gael senator.

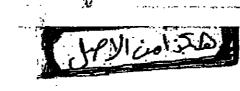
Before yesterday morning's events Mr Reynolds and his colleagues were reported to be planning an election this month and were expected to bring forward the three abortion referendums from December 3 to coincide with it. The delay worked into the process by the democrats almost certainly means an election will have to be put back, possibly until December 3 or even into the new year.

The announcement by the Belfast faction of the outlawed republican splinter group, the Irish People's Liberation Organisation, that it has disbanded was being treated with extreme caution yesterday by Sinn Fein and security sources alike.

The announcement, made with a recognised codeword to a radio station late on Monday night, followed repeated calls by the IRA for the IPLO to disband and a sudden offensive by the provisionals on its members.

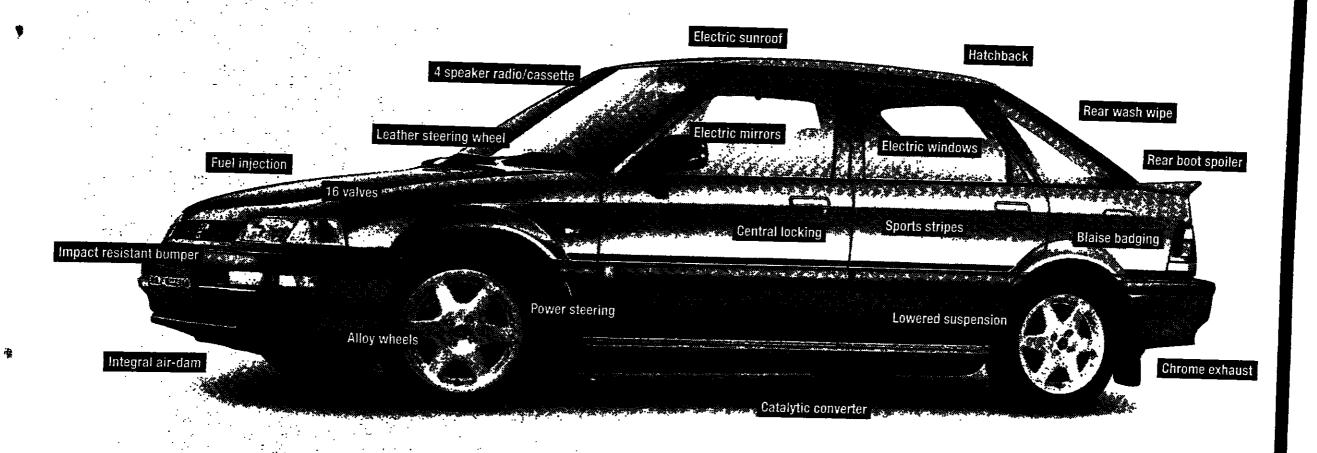
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Two acquitted 2 of killing girls who died in barn fire

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TWO men accused of the manslaughter of teenage twin girls who died in a barn fire

were acquitted yesterday on the direction of the judge. On the seventh day of their trial at Bristol Crown Court. Mr Justice Auld ruled that there was no case for Wisdom Smith, 20, or Daniel Winter, 19, to answer. The trial of Daniel Harper, 21. a carpenter from Uckington, Glouces-tershire, continues. He is accused of the manslaughter of Rebecca and Emma Harper, 17, from Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, to

whom he was not related. Mr Smith, unemployed, from Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, and Mr Winter, a student from Chehenham, were also cleared on a joint arson charge and the judge directed the jury to return a not guilty verdict on an arson charge against Mr Harper.

The girls died in a barn fire at Manor Farm, Uckington. after a midnight sex session on January 24 last year. All three men had denied manslaughter and joint charges of arson reckless to whether life was endangered.

The prosecution had alleged that when the men took the girls to the Dutch barn, they were criminally reckless in lighting matches and tufts of hay and did "nothing at all" to help the girls out of danger.

After hearing legal submis-sions yesterday, the judge said: "I have reached the decision that there is simply not enough evidence for a jury to be invited to consider a charge manslaughter against

Smith and Winter." On Monday, Mr Harper told the court that he twice lit



Yesterday, the judge said that Mr Harper was the only defendant who might have been guilty of recklessness. or Winter lighting a tuft of hay or encouraging or aiding Harper to do so," the judge said. When Mr Harper lit the first tuft, Mr Smith told him "in the clearest terms" not to be stupid and to put it out.

The judge said that any reasonable jury who returned a not-guilty verdict on the manslaughter charge would do the same on the arson charge. "The arson charge does not add anything to the prosecution case against Harper, so you need only concentrate on the manslaughter charge against

Neither Mr Smith nor Mr Winter spoke to waiting reporters after being discharged from the dock before the Harper's trial began.

The two men sobbed in their families' arms as they left the court and were bundled away by cheering relatives and friends. Mr Winter's father said: "We have been through 20 months of sheer hell but I have got my son back at last. I am just glad it is all over. Now we just want to get on with our lives and forget it all."

The dead girls' parents, who have attended every day of the hearing, did not comment on

Mr Harper's trial was adjourned until today, when the judge is expected to end his



Freed from the dock: Daniel Winter, who wept as he was bundled away from the court by relatives





The burnt-out barn, scene of a midnight sex session, where Rebecca and Emma Harper died

Dismissed consultant reinstated

By Our Health Services CORRESPONDENT

A HOSPITAL consultant dismissed by a health authority after she spoke out about poor standards of patient care is to be reinstated, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary. has decided.

Dr Helen Zeitlin, former consultant haematologist at the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch near Birmingham. was made redundant in February 1991 after health officials said her workload had reduced. She claimed the real reason was that she had criticised nursing shortages and the health service reforms at a public meeting.

Dr Zeitlin, 44, said yesterday that the outcome of her appeal was "not just a victory for me, but for all doctors, who are worried about standards of care in their hospital".

Three threatened hospitals surrender to Tomlinson before fight begins

By JEREMY LAURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the four London teaching hospitals earmarked for closure in the Tomlinson report have accepted the proposals, which could lead to the loss of thousands of beds and widespread redundancies. The hospitals' unexpected decision to run up the white flag has confounded critics who predicted fierce opposition to the closure programme.

An independent valuation of the sites recommended for closure, made for The Times, suggests that their sale could release £600 million for redevelopment. However, officials are privately gloomy about the prospects of obtaining money from the Treasury to allow the reorganisation to go ahead. Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, begins a series of visits to the hospitals named in the report with a two-hour

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London teaching hospitals are accepting that closures are inevitable as the expected opposition to the Tomlinson report fails to materialise

Hospital today. Of the four teaching hospitals named in Sir Bernard Tomlinson's report, published 12 days ago, only St Bartholomew's is committed to fighting for its survival. Charing Cross, which would cease to function as a general hospital with an accident and emergency department, said that it was "behind everything proposed by Tomlinson".

St Thomas's and Guy's, recommended for merger, are working to set up a joint NHS trust, whose board will propose on which site the merged hospital is to be located. Tim Matthews, chief executive of St

meeting at University College Thomas's, said that the gov ernment had in effect decided

on the merger by announcing the start of consultation on the new joint trust on the day the Tomlinson report was published. "That decision is predicated on moving all clinical services to one site. We have said all along we won't oppose government decisions and will work to implement sensible

The closure of Middlesex Hospital, recommended by the report, had already been accepted by the University College and Middlesex hospitals management in a plan put forward in September to rationalise the two sites. The proposed single UCH site would also absorb the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital

The Tomlinson proposals are supported by medical, nursing and management organisations but opposed by teaching and research organisations and the unions. Apart from St Bartholomew's, only the Royal Marsden, the Royal Brompton and the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear declared their

Sale of Guy's or St Thomas's, St Bartholomew's, the Middlesex and either the Charing Cross or the Royal Brompton and the Royal Marsden, would raise more than £400 million, according to Richard Meara, a management consultant and author of a King's Fund report on the NHS estate. Sale of a further ten sites or part sites recommended in the report would raise £100 million to £200 million, based on health department figures at 1990

St Bartholomew's £150m One mae SELLING OFF LÕNDON'S HOSPITALS?

NOT long ago, my parents went to an open-air concert in Petworth Park, "It was quite extraordinary," my father said afterwards. "The other people were really so common." I asked him what was so common about them. They had all brought foldup chairs to sit on, and some of them had even brought tables. We were almost the only people sitting on the

I said I didn't realise it was common to sit on a chair. "Oh, you should never sit in a chair when you can just sit on grass," he replied. Britain is a complicated country: no doubt most of the people sitting on chairs thought how common my was to sit on the

The way it isn't



often circular as linear, for instance, people who say "pardon?" look down on those who say "what?" without realising that a grander group of people who say what? are looking down on them for Those who shy away from

such class-consciousness are

Autumn leaves BR standing

By MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail officials conceded a setback yesterday in their annual autumn battle against leaves on the line.

A "heavy morning dew fol-lowing a big leaf fall" caused delays of more than 30 minutes on some commuter lines. The 6.31am from Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, rolled in to Marylebone 50 minutes late.

Despite Network South East running 25 trains during the night that spread Sandite paste on the tracks to stop wheels slipping on leaves, a spokesman said the problem still caused "a hell of a lot of trouble". Sandite trains are one of the most effective devices, but by no means the only one, to neutralise the hundreds of tonnes of leaves which fall on the lines each

Network SouthEast's teams were able to cover only 500 of its 4,000 miles. Fallen leaves brought "fairly general delays throughout the London region", the spokesman said.

A spokesman for German railways expressed sympathy over the public hostility BR officials endure each year and said that leaves were an unavoidable problem, although extensive delays were rare.

Swiss federal railways said: 'Most of our locomotives have sand boxes, which helps in preventing slippage, as does the frequency of trains. There may be brief delays but leaves never affect the network as a whole."

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grass. Our class system is as

often doomed to invent an even battier system of their own. For instance, I shudder when people blow their noses. Couldn't they do it in private? I also find it rather common when people bounce tennis balls repeatedly on the court before serving, and when they lick their fingers before turning a page. I even feel it is a tiny

A friend swears that the adjective "pleasant" is as common as can be. My mother believes that it is common to say "Would you like a coffee?" It all suggests that there are not three classes in Britain, but about 55 million, each of them

Briton arrested in plutonium enquiry

A British businessman was arrested in Germany yesterday on suspicion of smuggling 80 kilograms of plutonium from Russia. According to a state prosecutor in the northern port of Flensburg, the authorities are examining documents seized at the flat of Norman Derbyshire, 51, and will decide the other the season between the state of the season between th shortly whether to charge him under laws on arms

smugging.
Such a quantity of plutonium, if enriched, could be used to make several atomic bombs. No plutonium has been found by the authorities. Mr Derbyshire is reported to be a former military diver and expert in underwater explosives who worked in Nigeria during the Biafran war. He has lived in Flensburg for two years.

There have been several cases in recent months of smuggled radioactive material from the former communist bloc being intercepted in Germany. Several people, mainly of Polish and Czech origin, have been arrested. German security officials have given a warning of such develop-ments. The collapse of the Soviet Union and the impoverishment of scientists and technicians formerly working for its atomic and military industrial complex raises the threat of an "atomic mafia".

Patten opt-out warning

Local education authorities were warned yesterday by John Patten, the education secretary, that he would take strong action against any that intimidated or harassed schools seeking grant-maintained status. In a letter to 108 chief education officers, he said that some parents facing ballots to opt out of council control were being misled. Authorities were using access to parental registers to enable pressure groups to campaign against opting out and "threats to the future careers of staff" were being made.

Road costs overrun

New roads are costing taxpayers almost a third more than originally forecast because of unexpected cost overruns, a originally infecast occause of unexpected cost overruns, a report published yesterday by the National Audit Office says. Of the £1.4 billion spent on new roads and maintenance by the transport department between 1991 and 1992, £85 million went on construction company cost overruns, increasing the average cost of a new road by 28 per cent, the report says. Design errors and omissions added an extra £800,000.

Library seeks funds

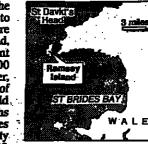
The British Library yesterday sought urgent financial support from the government to halt the depletion of its funds for preservation, research and acquisitions. The library is facing serious financial constrictions as the cost of moving to a new site at St Pancras, north London, has mounted. More than 50 jobs have been lost as 6 per cent was cut off the salary budget. Brian Lang, the library's chief executive, said that the acquisition budget had been must the most, with a 35 per cent cut over the past six years.

Lecturers strike today

Thousands of college lecturers are to strike today over pay levels in higher education with the support of three days of campus meetings organised by five unions representing university staff and students. The National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education expects most of its 17,000 members in the former polytechnics and colleges of higher education to strike. Geoff Woolf, the general secretary, said the offer of 3.9 per cent with a further 0.75 per cent for performance related pay was an insult.

Charity eyes bird island

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds wants to buy Ramsey, a 625-acre island off St David's Head, Dyfed, which is at present home to one woman, 80,000 rabbits, a herd of red deer, Britain's largest colony of grey seals, a flock of wild sheep, five pairs of choughs and at least 42 other species of nesting birds. The society



has launched a £400,000 appeal to fund the purchase and is to make the island a nature reserve. Ramsey was farmed until recently and has been populated since AD186.

Cot deaths fall again

Cot deaths in England and Wales fell from 1,593 in 1988 to 1,008 last year, the third consecutive annual fall. The rate of deaths for every thousand live births dropped from 2.30 to 1.44, the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said yesterday. Doctors and health visitors were sent new guidelines by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths on dealing with them. A spokeswoman said: "We unfortunately still hear from many parents who have had terrible experiences with their GP or health visitor."

Rapist tortured victim

A sales manager who drugged his former girl friend, imprisoned her in a hotel room and tortured her with an electric stun gun before raping her in front of their two children was remanded in custody by the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The 38-year-old man, who had denied the offences, cannot be named to protect the identity of his victim, aged 21, who had ended their four-year relationship weeks before the attack. He will be sentenced after social enquiry and medical reports.

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Hillsborough coma doctors seek immunity from courts

In a test case next week, the courts will be asked to grant doctors immunity enabling them to switch off a lifesupporting artificial feeding system

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

DOCTORS are to make an forney-general, whose chief concern is to ensure that the unprecedented request that the courts declare them imcase clarifies what is a grey mune from prosecution for area, raises the stakes in what murder if they switch off the already promises to one of the feeding system of Tony Bland, the Hillsborough victim who most controversial hearings in the difficult and emotive area has been in a coma for three of medicine and the law. The case is likely to proceed rapidly They also want the courts to to the House of Lords. Dates grant them what would effecthave been set aside to allow a ively be immunity from any

civil action for damages if they speedy appeal to the Court of Appeal this month. turn off the system that is Government lawyers are not keeping him alive. taking a stand in the case. However, they view the hear-ing as a test of whether the civil Mr Bland's parents and Yorkshire regional health authority are to seek the approval courts have power to sanction of the High Court on Novemindividuals to carry out what ber 12 to disconnect the could be regarded as a crimi-

die. But doctors fear they are at

risk of prosecution for marder

or manslaughter if they dis-connect the tube unless they

As doctors prepare to lodge

their request, the attorney-general. Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, has instructed counsel to

represent him at the hearing

because he wants to establish

what the impact of immunity

would be. In particular, prose-

cution authorities want to establish how such a declara-

tion by civil courts would cut

across criminal law, or bind

their hands, as the case could

pave the way for hundreds of

It is estimated that between

800 and 1,500 people are in

what is called a persistent

vegetative state. They are not

brain-stem dead and breathe

normally without a ventilator,

but no longer have higher

similar decisions.

feeding tube and allow him to nal offence. At the heart of the case, which will be keenly watched by the medical profession, is the extent to which a doctor has a city to carry on with artificial feeding irrespective of whether that can benefit an irreversible condition.

Doctors seeking the declaraaion will want to establish whether tube-feeding amounts to medical treatment. which could be lawfully withdrawn if doing no good, as argued by the British Medical Association. Such a view has been upheld in courts in the United States but has never been tested in this country. If it were held not to be treatment. dectors could face murder or

manslaughter charges. Mr Bland, 21, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, has been unconscious, since he was crushed and his brain was deprived of oxygen in the disaster which killed 95 foot-The involvement of the at-ball fans in April 1989,

The Sultan of Brunei starts his first state visit to Britain



Red carpet and royal party greet the world's richest absolute ruler

By Alan Hamilton

THE world's wealthiest constitutional monarch met the world's richest absolute ruler on platform two at Victoria station yesterday to exchange smiles and pleasantries, but no vulgar talk of money, at the start of the first state visit here by the Sultan of Brunei. The sultan, who rules a country the size of Norfolk

with the population of Bolton and the wealth of Croesus, is a regular private visitor to Britain, where he owns several homes and the odd hotel. Officials on both sides emphasised that the invitation for his state visit had been extended more than a year ago, and had nothing to do with the sultan investing £2.8 billion of his estimated £20 billion fortune to prop up the alling pound earlier this year.

His programme is an off-the-shelf state visit, with a banquet at Buckingham Palace last night, a wreath-laying in Westminster Abbey, and a day out in Oxford and Cranwell, when he will become a doctor of civil law and a marshal of the Royal Air Force (both titles honorary).

The sultan piloted himself into Gatwick yesterday morning in his Boeing 747, to be greeted by the Duke of York and escorted to the royal train for a ride to the official welcome at Victoria, where members of the Brunei community in Britain sat in chilly expectation beside the red carpet. The Queen, in green, and

the Duke of Edinburgh in a heavy overcoat, greeted the diminutive figure dressed in a . baju melayu, a plain black

tunic, with black velvet songkok, the Malay equivalent of a silk topper. His wife, the Raja Isteri, Queen of Brunei, wore a long black coat with a yellow silk dress peeping beneath its hem and diamonds at her throat. Indicating the impor-tance with which the sultan views his visit, he has brought his principal wife, by whom he has six children. His subsidiary wife, the Princess Hajah Mariam, a former air hostess of Scots and Japanese ancestry by whom he has four children,

The sultan has also brought his sister Princess Amal and his brother Prince Jefri, the Brunei finance minister, together with nine other members of his official party. An unofficial entourage of 20, in-

has remained at home on this

cluding maids, valets and the sultan's religious adviser, are also travelling with him. Only the official party is staying at Buckingham Palace, the rest are staying in hotels. The Anglophile sultan will find the palace a modest residence of only 600 rooms. His own palace back home has 1,800, including 257 lavatories. Clad in black morning

coats, John Major, Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke lined up on the platform to shake the hand of their guest under the black, yellow and white bunting of the Brunei national colours. Outside the station Major Greville Bibby of the Grenadier Guards invited the suitan in Malay to inspect the guard of honour before the open landau drive to the palace for lunch.

Game of Monopoly played with millions

BY TIM JONES

Brunei diplomats were silent yesterday when asked whether His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang De-Pertuan, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah Inbi Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khariri Waddien, would take time during his visit to check the guttering on his properties, like any other landlord in town.

It may be that the absolute ruler, who bought the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane, London, and rarely stayed there before selling it to a Brunei-based investment agency for a reported £500 million, does not know how many properties he owns in this country. The best estimate is that the sultan has at least ten houses in England. Unless they have been sold

recently, at least five are in Winnington Road, Hampstead, northwest London, where property does not come cheaply. More than three years ago, thieves broke into one and stole cash and jewellery worth more than £4 million. The other properties in the road are understood to be for the occasional use of friends and family. When the sultan visits Brit-

ain, he is thought to stay at either The Aviary, an estate in Osterley near Heathrow, or in a mansion in Kensington Palace Gardens. He was reported recently to have paid £8 million for the neighbouring Egyptian consulate to increase his Kensington living space. He is also said to own a stately home in the unlikely location of Southall, with 47 acres of grounds.



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A PROPOSED pay freeze for five million public sector work-

ers next year provoked sharp

divisions in the cabinet yester-

day as ministers spent another

Spending ministers, led by

Michael Howard, the envi-

ronment secretary, supported

the pay freeze as the best way

of avoiding thousands of

teaching and town hall job

losses and of releasing some £3

billion to shore up hard-

pressed programmes in other

departments. But other minis-

ters were alarmed about the

political consequences of sus-

pending independent pay re-

view bodies covering 1.3

million state employees and

risking confrontations with

other key items will prolong

the infighting until Friday at

the earliest - dangerously close to the deadline for

finalising Norman Lamont's

Autumn Statement on Nov-

was the latest episode in a saga

Yesterday's tussle over pay

The dispute over pay and

influential groups.

London's Docklands.

Ministers back pay freeze to save jobs

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

Public sector workers may bear the brunt of cabinet attempts to cut spending

two hours wrangling over spending cuts. But the transthrow out the initial package of spending cuts drawn up by port department settled its budget and saved the planned £1.7 billion Jubilee line extenthe EDX committee of senior ministers chaired by Mr Lamont. EDX initially pro-posed a 2 per cent pay ceiling. sion to Canary Wharf in then cut that back to 1.5 per cent. But after the cabinet rejected its arithmetic for sticking to the £244.5 billion ceiling for next year, spending ministers weighed in with their own prescriptions. A pay freeze is now their preferred

that the Treasury is prepared to play ball.

At least five ministers - Mr Howard, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, and John Patten, the education secretary - vetoed other proposed savings in spending pro-

losses in teaching and local government, bigger school classes, curbs on public sector to the public sector borrowing requirement. The full cabinet house building, further merghas yet to discuss these proposals, which are likely to include ers of historic regiments, cuts a boost for the housing market in defence equipment proand industry. The recovery package will be announced grammes, ward closures, cuts job training programmes, alongside the Autumn Stateand stringent curbs on council ment, and some tax increases have not been ruled out. spending with big rises in the

new council tax.

Meanwhile, Mr Lamont has taken charge of the parallel economic recovery package, announced by the prime minister two weeks ago. A key element will be revision of Treasury accounting rules to grammes. They were appailed by the prospect of 15,000 job funds into big state construcenable private firms to inject

used their membership of the EDX committee to protect their departments' budgets. One source said yesterday

that under the original EDX plans, the police would have got "all they want" and Mr Heseltine's £1 billion for redundant miners would have been safeguarded. "A lot of ministers would have to sack people to make the miners redundant," the insider said. Ministers are prepared to

It is understood that spend-

ing ministers were irritated by

the way that Mr Clarke, the

home secretary, and Mr Heseltine, the president of the

board of trade, had allegedly

accept a freeze or a reduction. in their own salaries. They also intend to veto the 3.9 per cent increase for MPs in January. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, has lost his

harde for an extra £2 billion to cushion the impact of the council tax.



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High hopes would be dashed by curbs

ABOUT E3 billion could be saved through a pay freeze, while every 1 per cent reduction in the 3.5 per cent pay assumption used in next year's spending baseline would save the exchequer about £800 million (Jill Sherman writes).

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary has recently agreed a 6.5 per cent pay rise for Britain's 145,000 police backdated to the beginning of September, and 40,000 firefighters were awarded a 5 that has seen the cabinet

per cent increase this week. Teachers and health workers have submitted high increases in evidence to their pay review bodies. Nurses have asked for 8.7 per cent. while teachers have put in bids of between 6 and 16.5 per cent for awards which are normally announced in January. University and polytechnic lecturers are disputing a pay offer of between 3.9 and 5 per cent with additional performance related pay.
Uncertainty over the role of

the pay review bodies has held up their deliberations. Health ministers postponed meetings last week to give oral evidence to the nurses and doctors' pay review bodies pending the cabinet's deci-sion this week. The cabinet is still undecid-

ed about whether all five review bodies which control over £30 billion of public sector pay for nurses, doctors, armed forces, top civil ser-vants and teachers, should be suspended.

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Lib Dems seek **Dutch** courage

The leading Liberal Democrat was anxious. He and other party leaders have received an avalanche of mail and messages over their decision to vote with the government at the end of tonight's debate on Europe. The balance is nine-to-one against keeping an unpop-ular government in office.

Paddy Ashdown himself was booed by Labour MPs when he intervened in prime minister's questions. He always knew the decision would be controverrelish a fight, he believes it is in his party's long-term interests to be consistently

pro-European.
John Smith has no less strong pro-European cre-dentials. He also argues that it is in his party's long-term interests to be attacking the government all out. at a time when the prime minister's authority has been severely shaken. What unites the two

is the belief that they are engaged in a long-term exercise. Anyone suggesting to Mr Smith that there might be an early general election is given a blunt, and typically earthy, an-swer from the Labour leader. At most if the government loses tonight. Iohn Major might resign, but that would mean another Tory leader rather than an early general

It is, however, hard to find anyone, other than dichard opponents of the Maastricht treaty, who believes that the government will lose tonight's vote. This is more a gut instinct than a precise calculation, since there is no sign yet of the Tory rebellion fading away and, on paper, the numbers still do not add up for Mr Major. But a lot can hap-

pen today. While Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders take the same view of what is likely to happen tonight, their difference is over tactics. Mr Smith will seek to

show his consistency by taking a strongly pro-European line. In the shortterm, of course, Mr Smith can claim to have fought the good fight against Mr Major, while blaming the Liberal Democrats for giving the Tories a majority, if they win. The risk for Mr Smith is

that, if the Tories do win, Mr Major's battered authority will be enhanced, at least temporarily, while-Labour will look like failed opportunists willing to compromise their pro-European beliefs. The 30or 40-strong pro-European Labour MPs endorse Mr Smith's tactics but will emphasise their support for Maastricht and their unwillingness to oppose it on third reading. Some are also concerned that Mr Smith is being too cautious advisers say he is biding his time, gradually introducing changes. But he may face a rough press if Mr Major

For Mr Ashdown, the immediate risks are greater. Not only will he blamed for enabling the government to have a majority, but prospects of cooperation between Labour and the Liberal Democrats. let alone any realignment, will be set back. He believes that his party will benefit not just from public attention but also from being seen to stick to its

But the short-term fire is intense. No wonder the worried Liberal Democrat said he would have a stiff scotch at five to ten this evening before voting.

principles.

PÉTER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

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Shephard to launch employment package

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

duce a new package of mea- Chancellor's Autumn Statesures aimed at helping to stem . the accelerating rise in unemployment.

Faced with large-scale job losses in the coal industry and across manufacturing and services, the government will next week unveil details of a new series of steps which ministers hope will help to answer claims that the it is not doing enough to revive the economy and specifically to reduce

unemployment. Ministers have not set any specific public target for the package in terms of reducing the numbers of unemployed, which stand at one in ten of the workforce, but they hope that the new measures will at the least hold back the acceleration of what they privately icknowledge to be rapidly

rising unemployment figures. Gillian Shephard, the emnounce the package next week spending announcement.

THE government is to intro-on the same day as the ment and as the latest monthly unemployment figures are

Ministers believe that the package will help to deflect the expected Opposition criticism of the economic impact of the Autumn Statement and the thirtieth successive increase in unemployment. The October figures, to be published next week, are likely to add 30,000 to the total of 2.84 million out

The final details of the

package, which has been worked out by government officials in consultation with leaders of the Training and Enterprise Councils (TECs). the private-sector led bodies which run training programmes, are subject to the outcome of this week's negotiations between all government departments and the Treasury



Brish Irilian Br Play time: health minister Tim Yeo and three-month-old Chloe Crook help to

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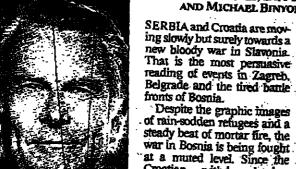


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As fighting ebbs, Serbs and Croats clear decks for a new war

By Roger Boyes, east europe correspondent. and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor



Lord Owen: angered by defiant army chief

SERBIA and Croatia are moving slowly but surely towards a new bloody war in Slavonia. That is the most persuasive reading of events in Zagreb. Beigrade and the tired battle

war in Bosnia is being fought at a muted level. Since the Croatian withdrawal last month from Bosanski Brod. there have been no big pitched battle. The bombardment of Jajce — a flagrant Serbian violation of the promises made in London and Geneva - can hardly be ranked as a battle; it was a shameful aerial and heavy artillery onslaught on a The fact is the Bosnian war

is beginning to peter out. Warlords will continue to defend their terrain and there is "ethnic deansing", but Serb and Croat forces have achieved their primary political goals in Bosnia.

Above all, the fighting will subside soon because of the winter and, perhaps, because of a Serbian fear that the new United States administration will become more assertive and move to enforce an air exclusion zone. There is thus a chance that a political deal can be struck, that a variant of the Owen-Vance plan (to reconstitute Bosnia in its old frontiers and then divide it into ten relatively autonomous geographic and economic cantons) will be agreed, and then

The Serbs look increasingly likely to crack down on the Albanian majority in Kosovo. If they go ahead, their forces will be stretched, and the Croats could take advantage to regain lands lost in Slavonia

promptly ignored as Serbs and Croats shape their own mini-states on what is technically Bosnian soil.

President Tudiman of Croaria has promised to take back the land that was lost in the Serbo-Croatian war last year. by force if necessary. This is not bluff or a distant dream. He has signalled that he wants the United Nations to withdraw from Croatia in March. The Zagreb game plan, put crudely, seems to be to secure a temporary peace in Bosnia, consolidate its conquests in western Herzegovina, and then gear up for a spring offensive in the comfields of Slavonia.

The timing of this future war depends on political developments in Serbia. There has been wild talk in Belgrade that the power struggle between Milan Panic, the "Yugoslav" prime minister, and Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, could spill into a full Serbian civil war. That almost certainly overstates the power of Mr Panic, whose popularity is drawn largely from the disaffected middle class in Belgrade. There are

Mr Panic has the support of the "peace lobby" - the Orthodox Church, the anti-Milosevic parties and the students - but that is a fragile coalition. It is certainly not enough to stir up or fight a civil war. As an axis it would collapse if, for example, frightened Serbs in Kosovo appeal to Mr Milosevic and the army for protection from angry ethnic Albanians.

There is a strong possibility that Mr Milosevic will play this card to stay in power, it is not difficult for a man of his talents to manufacture a series of political incidents in Kosovo to provide the necessary excuse. Then all Serb patriots will have to forget their differences and protect Kosovo, the cradle of the Serbian nation.

few who would fight on his crackdown in Kosovo prov-behalf. crackdown in Kosovo prov-ince, the Serbian forces will be ples adopted in August at the London conference. They stretched. That would give the Croats the chance to snatch back their lost land in Slavonia. The decks are thus being cleared in both Zagreb and Belgrade.

In London, Lord Owen, the European Community peace negotiator, said yesterday that the insistence by the head of the Bosnian Serb army that it had created facts on the ground in setting up self-styled Serb republics in Bosnia and Croatia was an unprecedented and "naked challenge to the authority of the international community

He told diplomatic correspondents that, as the world discovered more about mass graves, as the evidence of war crimes mounted, public opinion would not stand for an

principles: they were right. and based on Realpolitik. "It is not just morally wrong to tolerate ethnic cleansing and territorial aggrandisement but it is against our vital interests. To abandon those principles would weaken us all when dealing with the problems created by the collapse of the Soviet Union." Lord Owen, angered by the defiance of General Ratko

Mladic, who said his army was a fact and it was up to the world whether to recognise that, gave a warning that nobody in the European Community or the United Nations would accept that might was right, or that a combination of brutal force and ethnic cleansing could be allowed to estab-lish a new state.

British army in Bosnia vows aid will get through ms seek courage

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN VITEZ

THOUSANDS of Bosnian refugees, fleeing from Jajce after its capture by Serbian forces, were turned back at the Croatian border yesterday, the Croat news agency Hina

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An estimated 10,000 people streamed out of the central Bosnian town, which fell to nationalist Serb troops last Thursday, and from Kotor Varos and Prijedor in north-ern Bosnia. The number of

refugees was still growing.
Their flight came as British troops took up positions in Bosnia, with Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, command-ing officer of The Cheshire Regiment, vowing to deliver humanitarian assistance to the 130,000 Bosnian citizens and 50,000 refugees in the



Panic Montenegrin deputies saved him

Vote strips Panic of power

FROM TIM JUDAH

MILAN Panic, the prime minister of what remains of Yugoslavia, kept his job but lost any semblance of power yesterday, after surviving a wote of no-confidence by a margin of one. "We were just showing him that he is very near to the end of his political career here." said a leading nember of Serbia's Socialist party, Mihailo Markovic

Serb nationalists and ruling ocialists voted against Mr anic in the lower house. 'esterday he was saved by Aontenegro deputies in the pper house which rejected ie no-confidence motion by 8 votes to 17.

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package

Mr Panic's policies on Crotia, Albanians in Kosovo and is willingness to accept the roatian and Bosman froners enraged Serbs.

town of Tuzla. Their only supply route comes under daily attack by Serb forces. Col Stewart said: "It will be difficult to get to Tuzla, but not

impossible. However, if we don't get there the cold will kill those people. So we have to get the aid there, even if it means carrying it in our armoured vehicles: If I give my word that I will be there, I will be there. If anyone tries to stop me I will get very upset."
In Geneva, the United Na-

tions High Commissioner for Refugeess appealed to Croatia to let refugees enter the country, saying that they were "fleeing for their lives".

Ron Redmond, a UNHCR spokesman, said the refugee situation was chaotic and food and supplies were short. Up to 10,000 refugees were still in Travnik, northwest of Saraje vo, and thousands more had sought temporary shelter in a nearby coal mine. New arrivals at British army

headquarters in Vitez are more likely to be hit by a stray football than an artillery round as they enter the gate into what was a school. At first glance the forward party of soldiers of The Cheshire Regiment, together with specialist officers from the army medical corps, engineers and signals, do not look as though they have been placed in the centre of Europe's deadliest war zone. For now the sentry's only iob is to fend off curious children with sweets.

But the fact that the countryside around Vitez bears an uncanny resemblance to rural Northern Ireland is a constant reminder to Col Stewart of the very real dangers that can lurk even in the most tranquil landscape. "I had six men killed and 35 injured when I was a company commander at the Ballykelly bombing — that is a lot of casualties out of 100 men," he said, recalling the 1982 bombing of a disco-

theque and explaining his decision to make the town's bars off-limits. Col Stewart is well aware that the friendly greetings and courteous reception from local people are probably a honey moon period before the mis-

sion begins in earnest. But the arrival in the com-ing days of the bulk of the 2,400 British soldiers, and in particular the 12 Scimitar light tanks and 45 Warrior armoured personnel carriers, the force operating out of Vitez and across the badlands of central Bosnia will be transformed into a very different

Sarajevo: The last animal in the 200 here, a brown bear, has died of starvation. (Reuter)





War game: a Bosnian child amusing himself in what remains of a car destroyed by a mortar in Sarajevo. Battles continued yesterday despite a UN request to observe a week of tranquillity for the city's children

Deaf mute enters parliament in Italy

IN ROME

THE death of the administrative secretary of the Socialist party. Vincenzo Balzamo, means that for the first time ever a deaf mute will take up a seat in the Italian parliament. Stefano Bottini, 36, a warehouseman from the northern city of Bergamo, will address his parliamentary colleagues through a sign language inter-preter. "You'll see, I will make them slow down. They will have to stop and listen to me." Signor Bottini said on receiving news that he would be

Socialist polítician to get a seat in parliament as the result of the death of party colleagues caught up in an investigation into corruption that has damaged the reputation of the Socialist party more than any other. Balzamo, 63, who died on Monday, was under investigation for alleged corruption and violation of the law on the financing of political parties. He died of a heart attack

from them can go lown as well as up and consequently the investor may not get back the amount invester

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FROM PHILIP WILLAN

entering parliament.
Signor Bottini is the second

Two months ago Sergio Moroni, a Socialist deputy, shot himself dead while under investigation for alleged corruption in local government.

Bonn: The west German federal court has dismissed the

appeal of two former east German border guards against their conviction for the

shooting of people trying to escape (Anatol Lieven writes). The judgment has implica-tions for the trial on the same charge of Erich Honecker, the former East German leader. which is due to begin in Berlin

Leader jailed

Sofia: Georgi Atanasov, 59, the former Bulgarian prime minister, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for misappropriating aid for orphanages. (Reuter)

Trials planned

Budapest: Hungary plans to try officials who crushed the 1956 revolt against communist rule for crimes against humanity, the justice minister, said. (Reuter)

City apologises

Rostock: The mayor of this German city, where neo-Nazis rioted, has apologised to Jews for an official's comment that the home of German Jews was

Yeltsin ready for deal on reforms

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN reformists are close to a compromise with the powerful industrial lobby aimed at warding off a threat from the hard right, a leading figure in the Civic Union, the main conservative rival to President Yeltsin's radical government, said yesterday.

Aleksandr Vladislavlev, an executive of the union which is dominated by former Communist captains of industry and favours a slower pace of economic change, said he believed that Mr Yeltsin appreciated the need to change course to keep his government in office over the winter. He told Konsomolskaya Pravda newspaper: "The government has realised the mistakes and reached

certain conclusions. A com-

promise already exists." On the political front, Russia was in the grip of twin crises in the Caucasus as the Russian military chief threatened to use force to take back an ammunition dump seized by Georgian forces, and fighting continued in the North Ossetia region. Colonel Vasili Belchenko said Georgia was pursuing "a deliberate-ly anti-Russian policy" by seizing the huge arms dump, in the south of the republic, which contains 600 railway trucks filled

and artillery to retrieve the Inside Russia's borders, fighting continued for the fourth day in North Ossetia despite an official ceasefire. The Interfax news agency said ten Russian army and interior ministry troops had been killed in battles between Ingush rebels and

with ammunition. Pavel Grachev, the Russian de-

fence minister, has threat-

ened to use planes, tanks

In a development which confirms that the government and its challengers are coming closer, President Yeltsin yesterday met Civic Union leaders in the Kremlin to discuss their "anticrisis economic pro-



gramme". This document will propose changes to government policy at a time when public dissatisfaction with soaring inflation and tumbling industrial output is growing.

A deal with the union

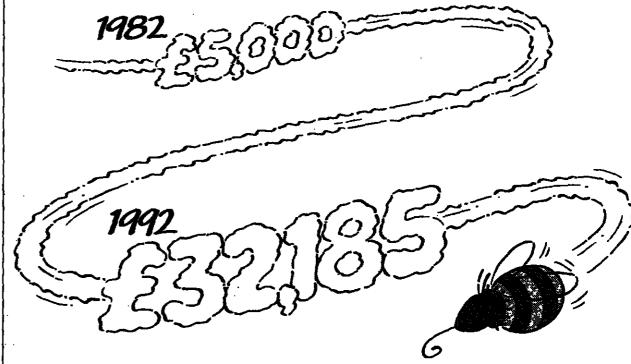
looks unavoidable if Mr Yeltsin is to avoid a head-on clash with far-right conservatives at the Congress of People's Deputies which convenes next month to decide the fate of his administration. Having fought off the union's challenge since the spring, he appears to consider a deal the lesser of two evils, given the grim determination of nationalists and communists to unseat him. Any alliance with the union would make the government less vulnerable. but it is a risk, given its members' strong differences with the Yeltsin

While Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime minister, has built up a reform package based on financial stabilisation and allowing non-competitive companies to be wound down to recast the country's heavy industrial base on more modern lines, the industrial lobby wants to increase investment and credits to former Soviet enterprises and

maintain output The Civic Union's main activists are Arkadi Volsky. a prominent figure under Mikhail Gorbachev's presidency, and Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, who has been calling for sweeping changes in the

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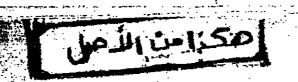
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Cambodia peace plan unravels as Khmer Rouge threat lingers

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

IN WHAT could be a fatal blow for the United Nations peace plan for Cambodia, the Phnom Penh government has demanded an end to the disarming of the four Cambodian factions and wants help to fight a rumoured Khmer Rouge offensive.

At a press conference in the capital, Khieu Kanharith, an adviser to Hun Sen, the prime minister, also said that the communist Khmer Rouge should be expelled from the Supreme National Council. the body on which all four factions are represented and which is helping to rule the country until UN-supervised elections are held in May.

Mr Khieu said the government will make these proposals at a weekend meeting in Peking. The meeting has been called by the United Nations,

Phnom Penh is demanding action Rouge. It could mark

France and Indonesia as a last-ditch attempt to persuade the Khmer Rouge to join whole-heartedly in bringing peace to the country after 13 years of conflict. It the meeting fails to get the Khmer Rouge to comply, the UN has threatened action, so far unspecified. against the communist guerrilla group. Acceptance of the Cambodian government's proposals at the meeting would mean the effective end of the up to \$2 billion (£1.3

Buying time for TV addicts in China

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

FROM tomorrow, China's couch potatoes have another reason to stay put: television

Two television channels are due to start broadcasting the programme The Television Store. If viewers see something they like, they can ring the number on the screen and the goods will be delivered to their door - and fitted, if necessary - free of charge.

Customer satisfaction is in short supply in China. Shop assistants are more likely to snari than smile, and shoppers have to push their way through crowded aisles to buy goods that often fall apart as

soon as they get home. In the old days of Maoist ideology, there was a feeling that people should suffer if they were going to do any-thing as bourgeois as shopping. But the arrival of the much-vaunted "socialist market economy" at last month's Communist party congress quickened the race towards a shamelessly materialist, con-

ever, is only for the man who has everything. For a start you need a television - now common in the rich cities, but still a luxury in poor rural areas. There are roughly 13 television sets for every 100 Chinese. And then you need a telephone. The comfort of television shopping will be eroded for those viewers who have to stagger out in the cold to the local public telephone to place an order. Fewer than against the Khmer the end of the UN peacekeeping role

one in ten households has a telephone, even in Peking. There are long waiting lists, and installation costs £550.

The new "spend, spend, spend" mentality is evident in Peking's new Western-style department store, complete with such unheard of luxuries as changing rooms and shop employees who assist rather than obstruct. Here, Peking's yuppies browse among the leather-covered sofas, choose wallpaper for their tiny flats. or try out a few notes on a piano for the kids.

But consumerism has left some people confused. The citizens of Qingdao were perplexed last month when a military jet flew overhead and instead of dropping bombs dropped leaflets and costume jewellery wrapped in handkerchiefs. People were amazed to discover it was all an advertising gimmick for the local state-run department store. The store had to get approval in advance from the commercial bureau, the police, the traffic bureau, and the tax bureau before they could carry out their

ing innovation. Not everyone was happy. however. Some people, reported one newspaper. thought the advertising technique a good thing. But others were worried.

"It's okay if one or two stores do this," said one man, "but imagine if every store did this in a big city. There wouldn't be room in the sky for all the planes."

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FROM JOANNA PITMAN

expensive such operation un-KILTED bagpipers were pip-ing stoically in the drizzle outside, Elgar's Pomp and The Khmer Rouge has violated the peace agreements from the beginning. In some of the most serious breaches in Circumstance was booming inside, and Miss United Kingdom, fresh off a 13-hour flight from London, had clambered into tottering high blew up bridges on key highways, effectively cutting off the heels and a spangled pink costume. So skimpy was her Khmer Rouge-controlled nonheast from the rest of the attire that Korean security country. In other incidents officials seemed uncertain Khmer Rouge guerrillas have resumed their xenophobic atwhether the generous display of corsage was legal in a country that only five years ago was run by military tacks on Vietnamese residents, murdering families and kid-napping Vietnamese fisher-men. The group has also refused to allow any of its ictatorship. The Best of Britain was on

billion) peacekeeping effort in Cambodia, billed as the most

guerrillas to be disarmed and

to be lodged in UN-supervised

barracks: hence the govern-ment has allowed only 44,000 of its 120,000 troops to come

We want the troops which

have been cantoned up to now

to go back to their positions." Mr Khieu said. "If the Khmer

Rouge continue their attacks.

it is necessary that we counter that." He said the UN man-

date should be amended so

that UN peacekeepers can provide training and arms to

the government and the two

other non-communist guerril-

la groups - Prince Norodom Sihanouk's faction and Son

Sann's Khmer People's Nat-

ional Liberation Front - that

have been supporting the peace process. The Khmer

Rouge says it will not co-

operate with the UN peace-

keeping operation until it is

given more power over the

government in the period

UN officials last night dis-

puted claims by the govern-

ment that the Khmer Rouge

had attacked a suburb of the capital on October 27. A UN

peacekeeping source was quoted as saying that it was

likely that the government had staged the attack, in which

three people were injured, as

part of a large-scale "dis-

information campaign" de-signed to spark a war with the

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guerrillas had attacked Preak

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north of Phnom Penh. Eric

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display yesterday at a Seoul department store promotion opened by the Princess of Wales. Doing her bit for British exports, she dutifully admired products ranging from anti-freeze and toffees to plastic reproductions of the Rosetta stone. "Ah. Isn't she just splendid?" sighed a moist-eyed Eiichi Akiyama, vice-president of the Lotte department store, standing transfixed by the sight of the princess's elegantly stockinged legs and slimline navy velvet skirt. "There is no need to be nervous. A princess who walks and smiles like that is a fellow human being," he announced to an audience of Japanese-speaking shop

ssistants. If the shop stewards' pulses were drumming, it was because all eyes were glued to the alluring profile of Miss United Kingdom, and they remained utterly disinterested in the latest British newspaper reports of the Windsor family's marital crises, assignations, extravagances and

embarrassing photographs. For most Koreans, memories of their own royal families are fading rapidly. The Yi dynasty, the last in a long line of dynasties which date back 2,000 years, was abruptly terminated in 1910 when the Japanese invaded Korea, and King Ko Jong was forced to abdicate.

Although most Koreans have been too busy this week getting on with the business of making money to give much thought to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the first



few meagre crowds had done their homework yesterday, and had gathered on street corners to catch a gleam of gold and a flash of scarlet as the royal limousines whizzed

"I'm so happy to see Diana and Philip," signed Kyung Shin, who appeared to have omitted a vital part of her homework on the royal couple. "Maybe they have some marriage problems, but it's none of our business."

dent Television News reporter, was more bold, asking the Princess if she was "really happy to be here, Ma'am." She replied briefly: "Yes, thank you." The royal couple visited President Roh Taewoo and his wife yesterday morning, and then while the princess was busy in the department store, the prince met senior Korean business leaders, and discussed environmental problems and a recycling project. The country

per capita consumer waste. During the afternoon, they braved viciously cold winds to visit the Gloster Memorial north of Seoul, which commemorates the brave defence against Chinese attack of Cas-tle Hill in April, 1951. by the heavily outpurphered "Glorious Glossers" members of the First Battalion of the Gloucesters Regiment. Today the royal visitors continue the commercial flavour of their visit with the opening of a

Opposition 4 calls strike over Indian price rises

Delhi: Inda's main opposi-tion party paralysed much of the county yesterday in a strike called to protest against rising prices and the govern-

ment's economic policies (Christopher Thomas writes). The hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a Hindu revivalist group that controls some of the biggest states in called the strike. It went out of its way to control violence. often a hallmark of BJP events as part of a strategy to increase its appeal among moderate Hindus, and the

strike passed off peacefully. Removal of government subsidies, cornerstones of so-cialist policies since indepen-dence in 1947, has pushed up prices of basic commodities. Pressure from the International Monetary Fund, which has advanced substantial loans. prompted the government to end subsidies. But the strike is unlikely to bring about changes in the government's economic policy.

Pact on radar

Moscow: Russia and Cuba signed agreements on economic co-operation, and agreed that a Russian radar! station would remain in Cuba. But trade negotiations on Russian oil and Cuban sugar were postponed. The fare of a Russian submarine base was not discussed. (AFP)

Minister killed

Kabul: General Khan Mo-hammed, Afghanistan's deputy national security minister, was killed in a car bomb explosion, a news agency run by the Hezb-i-Islami dissident faction reported. He headed the Khad secret police in the former communist regime. (AFP)

Tunnel found

Jerusalem: Israel has found tunnel linking the occupied Gaza Strip to Egypt used by Palestinian activists to smug gle in weapons and as an es cape route for those was their part in the five-year-old intifada, Israeli security sources said. (Reuter)

Cut to size

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Ghana voters savour chance to deliver verdict on austere Rawlings medicine

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

GHANAIANS went to the polls yesterday in a presidential election which was a test of the personality cult of President Rawlings, the incumbent, and the strict economic

discipline he has imposed on the country since 1981. Officials said the turnout appeared far higher than the 44 per cent who voted in April's referendum to approve a new multiparty constitution. But some of the 8.3 million voters may vote more than once as many names on the voters' roll are of non-existent

or dead people.

Mr Rawlings resigned his air force commission in September to be eligible to run for the presidency. As Fit Lt Rawlings he had become synonymous with a firm hand in implementing harsh structural adjustment programmes in which many civil service jobs were lost and prices of basic commodities were brought into line with market forces. But having taken the eco-nomic medicine prescribed by the World Bank and the

International Monetary Fund, Mr Rawlings may have sown the seeds of his own destruction. He is popular in the rural areas but less so in the cities where his economic policies caused most hardship. The overnight lifting of bread subsidies, for example, caused its price to quadruple. This sparked bread riots and a violent response from the sec-



Nkrumah: legacy of military coups

urity forces. His human rights record has been much criticised. A senior diplomat in Accra said: "Ghana is doing OK, but

whoever wins tomorrow will have to cope with the fact that there will be a loud opposition trying to force it out of government while it has to cope with more economic retrenchment. Forcing through structural adjustment programmes would start something near a revolution in Britain or France. It is worrying to think of what they will mean here."

When the polls opened yesterday at 5am many voters had already been quening for more than two hours to make their thumbprint on the single ballot paper.

Later a European diplomat in Accra said: "So far things have gone pretty smoothly, with no real problems and a tremendous sense of responsibility on the part of the voters."

Ghana, formerly the British colony of the Gold Coast, has been much troubled by military coups since the late

Kwame Nkrumah, its first president, took power in 960. Mr Rawlings staged a coup in 1979 and executed three former heads of state, before handing back the reigns of government to civilians. But in 1981 he again emerged from the barracks

and took power by force. Since then he has been credited for cleaning out most of the institutional corruption in Ghana, but at a cost which now pits him against Professor Albert Adu Boahen, his greatest critic. Professor Boahen, a histori-

an, and leader of the New Conservative party, has been in the vanguard of human rights criticism of the Rawlings administration, but his campaign style has not been a match for the charismatic fighter pilot.

Mr Rawlings, 45, needs to win more than 50 per cent of the vote. Less than that would mean a run-off and the runner-up would gain from small parties' opposition to the president.

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Fragile truce holds in Angola

FROM MILES BREDIN IN LUANDA

CALM returned to Luanda yesterday after three days of violence in which Unita rebels lost the battle for control of the Angolan capital. More than 1,000 people were killed in the

Efforts to cement the fragile ceasefire were continuing. with the ruling MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) and Unita holding secret negotiations to exchange prisoners. However some embassy staff main-tained that fighting was con-tinuing outside the capital.

Charred bodies and devastated buildings yesterday revealed the extent of the violence. The Tourismo hotel, scene of much of the fighting. has been reduced to a shell. while the Unita headquarters in the São Paolo district lies in a street littered with the burnt bodies of Unita soldiers. Looters wrecked the mansion of Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader. The blue tiles depicting pastoral Portuguese scenes which decorated the walls are now cracked by bullets: shep-herds and their maidens look down on floors covered with Vote Savimbi stickers, rubble and blood.

Meanwhile two Britons. David and Eleanor Chambers, who were held hostage by Unita, are recovering in the British embassy. They were used as cover for the escape of two top Unita generals. After 24 hours as hostages in a house under bombardment they were crammed into a Toyota in Dr Savimbi's drive. With two other cars containing among others Dr Savimbi's nephew, Salapeto Pieno, they were driven in a 100mph chase through a mile-long hall of fire. Their car, by this time riddled with bullets, crashed at 80mph down a 12-ft drop when the driver was killed. "We were the only survi-

vors," said Mr Chambers. But their troubles were by no means over. Presumed to be pounced on by MPLA police and vigilantes who wanted to kill them and were only saved by the intervention of an MPLA general who took them to hospital in an armoured car with naked, captured Unita soldiers strapped to the roof. After another 24 hours spent as prisoners in a military hospital under attack, the couple were taken to the British embassy - Eleanor

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The princess of presenters

There's been much huffing and puffing Selina Scott this past week. Since the announcement that she is to be the presenter of a new BBC1 show, Entertainment Express, would-be rivals have totted up her earnings and declared they simply can-not understand the girl's

Come along, dears, use your eyes! The attraction of Selina Scott is blindingly obvious: we are mesmerised by who she looks like. When she appears on the screen the great British viewing public thinks it's watching the Princess of

From the first morning she popped up on Breakfast Time vearing her prim early 1980s Montessori nanny frock, the evidence was striking, and it's been growing ever since. Every time the princess has changed her hairstyle or her taste in clothes, so has Selina. Sometimes Selina has been in

the lead, with the princess follow-ing. As the hairstyles moved from ingénue Sloane through bouffe glamourpuss and on to the current businesslike crop. the impression has been confirmed over and over again: it's a cut and blow-dried case of separation at birth.

It's not just a question of hair, either. Spookily, both the princess and Ms Scott have gravitated towards the same designer, Catherine Walker, whose neat, never-too-short suits and sinuous beaded evening dresses show off the similarities in their reed-slim, long-waisted, long-legged

For a while, because they looked so good, both twins became involved in working with fashion. Diana set herself the task of promoting British fashion by wearing lots of it. Selina took a job with The Clothes Show. Their paths even crossed at a British Fashion Awards œremony in the late 1980s when, similarly attired, they met, giggled and blushed in unison.

Fashion, however, came to be a thorn in their respective sides. A wail went up that they wanted to be treated seriously. Selina insisted on reminding people of her credentials as a fournalist. Diana wanted to be seen as a serious charity worker, not a clothes horse. Recent-Selina withdrew from The Clothes Show and Diana has put the brakes on her frock

Both remain accomplished flirts - legendary joshers, blushing rebuffers of compliments. Both are also hardworking: Diana toils relentlessly for her charities,

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while Selina has a grinding weekly schedule of four nights presenting on Sky TV, plus her new job with Entertainment Express — as well as running her own production company.

Finally, if we consider conduct in private life, it has to be admitted that, given recent developments, Selina's stan-dards of discretion have actually out-royalled the royals. This single fact should be enough to raise our suspicions. Could it be that in 1981 the Prince of Wales chose the wrong twin?

Prince Andrew, perhaps, was the first to notice. When Selina interviewed him on Wogan, he enjoyed every minute of the experience (what larks they had!) and reported Charles, intrigued, couldn't wait for a closer look. When Selina approached the Prince through her own production company for permission to make a film about the

Scottish isles with him, he

The result, Prince Among Islands, showed Charles waxing lyrical about the landscape and casting a misty eye over the beautiful, country-loving doppelganger for The Prince's

findings must been have favourable. Word seems to have gone out to the **MOWER** extended Firm

that Selina is OK, One of Us. Why else has she so effortlessly scored another royal coup - winning the permission of King Juan Carlos to make a documentary with him, The Year of Spain, which will be shown before Christmas?

I rest my case - other than to suggest a little idea that would solve all the trouble at KP (Kensington Palace) at a stroke. Why don't Diana and Selina swap places? Overnight, the Prince would find himself with a wife nearer his own age, who shares his bucolic interests and wouldn't mind Balmoral in the slightest. Selina, for her part, would receive her just deserts for being such a good girl all these years. She could stop driving herself to make all that money and maybe take herself a little

less seriously, too.

Diana? Well — with the chance to realise all that potential as a television star. just watch her go! On Entertainment Express, interviewing Hollywood actors, ballet dancers and pop stars (all the people she already knows) she'd be an instant wow, not to mention a much freer person. And with Princess Selina on Charles's arm and presenter Diana on the box, no one would ever notice the

Selina strikes back, page 28

difference.

Roll up for the rubber rave

Kink has arrived on the fashion scene.

Alice Thomson

joined the fetishists to take a close look

ou try to be open-minded but when the man in front of you in the queue for the cloakroom is dressed from head to toe in blood-red rubber, including full-length red gloves, red Balaciava, and red stiletto boots, it is a little difficult. Or when you are waiting for a drink at the bar and a leather-clad man walks past with his wife on a studded leather collar and lead it is hard not to appear surprised. Welcome to The Rubber Ball, the biggest thrash ever held for leather and rubber fetishists, which took

place on Monday night.

Fetish clothing is moving into fashion mainstream. The bondage clothing boom has been inspired by designers such as Jean Paul Gaultier. who attended, and Vivienne Westwood, who experimented with rubber, leather, PVC and shiny Lycra in the late 1980s. Then Michelle Pfeiffer wore a PVC catsuit to play Catwoman in Batman Returns and bought fetish wear to the high street.

The ball, at Hammersmith Palais. west London, was a celebration of rubber's coming out. It was organised by Skin Two, a high-gloss magazine for fetishists, and the proceeds will go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Cruisaid aids charity. More than 2,000 people attended and there was a strict dress code: rubber, leather, fetish glamour or full evening dress. The clientele was more eclectic. Among those I met were a television presenter (fully masked), an accountant from Manchester, a group of trendy London clubbers and a construction worker from Bradford.

Buying something to wear to the ball was traumatic. The Skin Two boutique does everything it can to allay fears. Classical music plays in the background, there is not a whip in sight and people are left to browse through tastefully arranged rails.

After much dithering I picked out a long rubber dress and disappeared into the changing room. Getting into rubber is a calorie-burner. First you have to apply talcum powder to stop the rubber sticking. Then you have to roll on the garment carefully and struggle with the zip, and finally you have to buff up your second skin with Mr Sheen. Once into the garment I felt very safe but I realised that rubber wasn't really me. It smelt too like washing-up gloves and my skin felt itchy and hot. So I chose a demure PVC skirt instead.

I arrived at the party with a bevy of shop assistants all in PVC or lycra costumes. "We've come here for a laugh, it's not often you get the chance to dress up." Elaine Thomp-son said. "I wanted to see what everybody else would be wearing." Lorna Parry said.

For many of the people the party was just one giant fancy dress ball. When people got tired of looking at one another there was a fashion show, three bands and a dance floor packed with catsuited creatures. There were also backless and

bottomless dresses held together only

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Showing a leg, and a kinky boot: nothing was barred at the fetish people's Rubber Ball. Here the lady in red takes on a new meaning

by straps, young men showing off their puny legs in leather hot pants, macho men clanking with chains, ethereal women in 19th-century ballgowns and Scots in kilts and thigh-length boots. There was a small contingent of gays and transvestites but most were heterosexual couples.

n one corner two teenage girls in beehives and multi-coloured dresses were sipping beers with their fortysomething mother. "This reminds me of the old Chelsea arts balls. Everybody has made such an effort," says Mrs Kurtis dressed in skintight catsuit and feather boa.

The fashion show was an extravaganza of multi-coloured fetish - from rubber jodhpurs and stockings to leather canes. Krystina Kitsis, the designer for Ectomorph, said: "These clothes are about having fun. In the 1960s there was Diana Rigg in The Avengers, in the 1970s Malcolm McLaren borrowed elements of bondage clothing for the punk look. Now we want something to accentuate our well-exercised bodies. I see it as an extension to frilly underwear and high heels."

There were stranger sights, such as the middle-aged couple from Dunstable. She was the mistress, he the servant. They did not want to be named but were quite happy to discuss their relationship. "We have

been happily married for 20 years and most of the time we lead very normal lives. But occasionally it is fun to act out your fantasies. isn't it?" she said. He added: "It's all good clean fun and we make sure we don't do it in front of the children.

Behind the stage there was a woman harnessing a man to a cart and there was the red spiderman that I had met in the queue to the

This, according to Skin Two's editor, Tim Woodward, is part and parcel of a growing fascination with sado-masochism. As Aids has made people less promiscuous, it has made them more inventive with their chosen partner. In London alone there are now nine clubs catering for Marquis de Sade-inspired fantasies and Skin Two sold more than 30,000 copies of its last magazine. which also caters for the S and M market.

This is the bit that is hardest to cope with. A little harmless rubber yes, but the connotations are alarming. Mr Woodward disagrees: "People who are into fetishisms or into a little light S and M are not insane perverts or criminals. They are usually loving couples of all ages who are in long-term relationships and feel secure enough to act out some of their sexual fantasies. It is not a perversion, it is a hobby like golf or gardening."





All pals at the Palais: silver and black were the colours of the night for one guest, left. The young man was much happier in tiger green

Full-blown art of rock spectaculars

n terms of design, if not content, the rock concert has come an awfully long way since the days when we were all thrilled to file into a plush Odeon in somewhere like Hammersmith and listen to our heroes in their grey shiny suits reproduce with an accuracy now unknown their recent number one, together with the more commercial tracks from the upcoming LP (on sale in the foyer at 32/6). Sometimes a little dry ice, played upon by a strobe light. induced a barely suppressed frenzy: innocent days indeed. The extent to which these

almost cosy gatherings have exploded into the most awesome feats of engineering and accountancy is glowingly illustrated in a new book called Rock Sets — subtitled with justification "The Astonishing Art of Rock Concert Design". Here we have in lurid colour the creations of the masters of this rarefied branch of architecture: Fisher Park. Their first rock set was for Pink Floyd's The Wall world tour of 1980-81: their most recent was U2's Zoo TV Outside Broadcast. In between, the company created the sets for Stevie Wonder's

With inflatables, lasers, gantries and girders, arena stage sets have developed into a branch of architecture

Hotter Than July, Jean Michel Jarre's Chinese concerts, George Michael's Faith tour, Tina Turner's Foreign Affair and the Rolling Stones' Steel Wheels world tour. The sets have become ever more vast and spectacular, while the special effects now

defy all reason. And thanks to

the most sophisticated sound

equipment, the performers are

now entirely audible. Mark Fisher and Jonathan Park are respectively a 45year-old architect and a 51year-old graduate in mechanical sciences who, during the 1960s, were independently exploring the possibil-ities of the inflatable. Mr Fisher had been much taken with a colossal blow-up reclining woman designed by Piers Gough. Mr Fisher's subsequent 46 ft inflatable submarine did not look much like a

the novelty of such creations ensured publicity. Mr Fisher went on to design

submarine, but the scale and

including Jesus Christ, Super-star and The Rocky Horror Show, while Mr Park was busy with such things as inflatable bridges and domes. When eventually the two met, it must have seemed but a short and logical step to collaborate upon a giant inflatable pig for Pink Floyd's Animals tour of 1977;

this pig famously broke its moorings at Battersea Power Station, blithely gliding across Stadium illustrated the probthe Heathrow flight path belems: there were 45,000

From designing gantries, lighting systems and enormous inflatable props, Fisher Park were soon creating the entire environment for rock concerts. Promoters had known since the 1960s that the only way a concert could be made seriously profitable was to take it into a stadium. But the Beatles' fiasco at Shea

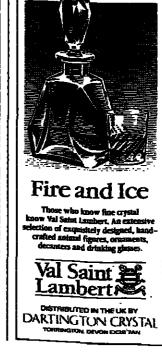
shricking fans, most of whom could not see the group, and none of whom could hear a

Pink Floyd and Fisher Park broke that mould and aimost from the beginning someone had the foresight to photograph highlights of all their tours. To enjoy these colossal constructions and colours to the full, this celebratory book should be looked at with a favourite album playing far too loudly, preferably to the accompaniment of a cascade of fireworks.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Rock Sets: The Astonishing Art of Rock Concert Design by Suther-land Lyall is published November 9 by Thames and Hudson (£10.95)











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in the Alternative retain its Service Book (ASB), ask for the collective forgiveness of sins and end, "For the memory kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen."

Remaining guests, the vast majority, begin boldly "Our father, who art in heaven"; realise their mistake around the time sins are mentioned and come to a faltering halt with "For thine is the king-A unique meeting tomorrow will address the controversy

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Amen". Users of

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surrounding Church of England liturgy. The legal remit of the ASB expires in 2000. If the ASB, criticised by the Prince of Wales for the "banality" of its language, is to be replaced,

alternatives will have to be drawn up soon. What makes tomorrow's meeting unusual is that literary figures such as P. D. James and Members of Parliament. have been invited to share their views with church littin-gists. Alongside Baroness James will be the novelist Joanna Trollope, her husband lan Curteis, the playwright; Dr Alastair Niven, literature director of the Arts Council: Dr Harriet Harvey Woo, literature director of the British of the Prayer Book Society, the MPs Frank Field, Emma Nicholson, Harry Greenway and Andrew Rowe, and John Gummer, the agriculture min-

ister and a member of the General Synod of the Church of England. The meeting is being organised under the auspices

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ne most embarrasssultative group founded in 1990 to help to bring different ing part of a church wedding service toand often opposing traditions around one table. Praxis is day is not the couple whispering their vows insudisponsored by the church's bly, the solemn kiss or the Liturgical Commission, which hung over bridegroom, but prepares forms of worship for approval by the synod or the bishops. Other sponsors are Gone are the days when all the Alcuin Club, which reprepresent could happily join in sents the Anglican Catholic the "Our Father", confident

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view, and the Grove Worship Group, a body of evangelicals: The language used is appro-priately passionate. The Right Rev Colin Buchanan, an evan-

gelical bishop who anticipates a vast array of approved "resource" books becoming avail-Prayer Book will soon "reach its own level, that is, vanishing point". On the other side, Dr Harvey Wood. although not a church member. is determined to see it survive. "It is almost impossible

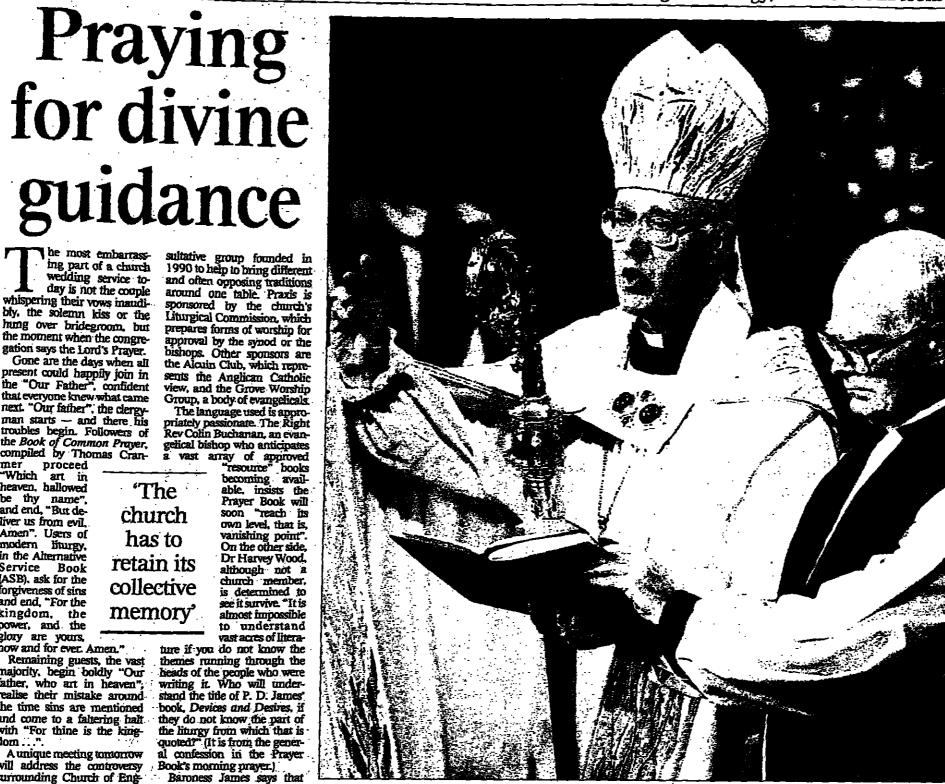
to understand vast acres of literature if you do not know the themes running through the heads of the people who were writing it. Who will understand the title of P. D. James' book, Devices and Desires, if they do not know the part of the liturgy from which that is quoted?" (It is from the gener-

al confession in the Prayer Book's morning prayer.) Baroness James says that the Prayer Book is in danger of being lost and intends tomorrow to speak out on its importance in English literature. "I feel that it is a great pity that the Prayer Book is sing its place in the Church of England and that we get

numerous source books or resources books in its place."

Within the church, the parties are divided roughly sino. Book Society, three. At one end are those who believe that the Book of Common Prayer, authorised by the Act of Uniformity in 1662, should remain the central guide to Anglican worship. The Prayer Book was the only legally authorised form of worship until 1966, since

allowed to authorise its own alternatives. In advocating its view in a paper to the Liturgical Commission, the Prayer Book Society argues that the Prayer Book is among the finest works of English literature. To pray for those "who in this transitory life are in trouble,



As the great and the good prepare to meet church leaders to debate Anglican liturgy, Ruth Gledhill looks at the shape of worship to come

other adversity" can be done in any time or place. To pray for "the unemployed and the marginalised", phrases sometimes used during prayers. invites one to share a particular socio-political perspective, according to Anthony Kilmister, chairman of the Prayer

e criticised the formais produced by the Liturgical Commission in the 1980s as "do-it-yourself liturgies", particularly Parterns for Worship, published recently in report form but not general synod. Traditionalists can however take comfort from the fact that much other

modern liturgy is returning to the style of the Prayer Book The centrist position is best represented by the Alcuin

worship should be developed. Many Anglican Catholics agree that the ASB, 1,040 pages long, is too big and would like instead a series, including the Prayer Book, but which could be bought as one

or as separate volumes. Bishop Buchanan, a memher of the Praxis council represents the third position the evangelical view. The argument for uniformity of worship is a myth," he says.
"You would need a microscope to find one ordinand in the theological colleges who

intends to use Prayer Book services after the year 2000." sion is working on the right lines in producing resources which are like building blocks, to make up the right patterns of worship for local congregations. There will be much

more variety in local worship than there is now." Canon Michael Perham. precentor of Norwich cathe-

Storms ahead: Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, will have to preside over the debate on the liturgy said: "The point of the exercise is to try to bring to an end a lot of misunderstanding where people have appeared to attack one another and to suspect each other's motives. The Prayer Book is still regarded as the doctrinal norm. Anglican worship arises from it. But it clearly is not the norm in the

sense that it is not what is used the majority of the time in the

The Rev David Martin, a

majority of churches.

vice-president of the Prayer Book Society, disagrees. The Anglican church has to retain its collective memory," he says. That memory is anchored in the text. The spirit of a great institution is not maintained by willing it to be maintained, but by some kind of historic point of reference, really by a mode of speech. This is the continuous core of the Ang-

lican church and the English

language. The two overlap."

Common Prayer. Some clergy are adapting it with the recently approved liturgy for All Souls' Day, the annual commemoration of the Faithful Departed on November 2, from The Promise of His Glory

A HOLY THEOGY

he severest criticism of the Alternative Service 1 Book has centred on the funeral service, generally considered inadequate in comparison to The Burial of the Dead from the 1662 Book of

1662 Book of Common Prayer: from The Burial of the Dead MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower. he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly

Yet, O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal Thou knowest. O Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not thy

merciful ears to our prayer: but spare us, Lord most holy. O God most mighty. O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here

departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth; ashes to ashes; dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be like his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

From the Alternative Service Book 1980

MAN born of a woman has but a short time to live. Like a flower he blossoms, and then withers; like a shadow he flees and never

In the midst of life we are in death; to whom can we turn for help, but to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our sins?

Lord God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death. You know the secrets of our hearts; in your mercy hear our prayer, forgive us our sins, and at our last hour let us not fall

WE HAVE entrusted our brother (insert name) to God's merciful keeping, and we now commit his body to the ground/to be cremated: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us.

To him be glory for ever and ever.

A commemoration from The Promise of his Glory You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood; and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love (name) whom we have placed in your hands. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Enfold him/her in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,

and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Club. Here, the view is that the Prayer Book should be re-tained but additional forms of of Praxis, an influential consorrow, need, sickness or any dral and chairman of Praxis.

A leaflet on rape has angered students who believe it trivialises the crime To suggest that using charm and romance to ensure sex on a onenight stand constitutes rape is to court controversy. And that is what Maxine-Anne Ross, student women's officer at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, claims she intended when she included the definition in a

leaflet on rape for students.

More than 5,000 copies of the leaflet have been distributed by Ms Ross since the start of term as part of the No Means No campaign organised by student officers throughout 80 colleges and universities in Britain. The campaign aims to demonstrate that the legal definition of rape is too tightly defined and offers definitions of

make students aware that most women are raped by men they know and not by an unknown assailant in a dark alkey. Many students have been upset and angered by the leaflet, which they believe trivialises the crime and patronises women. Men and women have laughed at the leaflet, or ignored it, and cast some of the leaflet's serious information aside because of what they describe as misguid-

Under the heading Information for Men, the leaflet states: "If you use charm and romance to ensure sex upon onenight stands than that is rape, if you threaten to leave the relationship if you cannot have sex then that is a form of rape; if you come home drunk and force yourself upon your sleeping girlinend then that is rape, and if you use any intimidation of any kind with your

current partner, a potential partner, or an old partner then that is rape." The university's student newspaper. Pluto, describes the leaflet as "feminist dap-trap". "A lot of students have found it offensive and described Ms Ross's ideas as extreme," says lan Shanahan, one of the newspaper's reporters who canvassed. student opinion. The real problem with her leaflet is that the very serious issues of rape and the importance of rape prevention campaigns are being disregarded by readers who look no further than the

No Means No was set up by the student

group Cambridge Women's Forum in 1990 and annually invites all NUS

women officers to join the campaign.

Alice Sharp, NUS women's officer, said:

surface content of the leaflets."

Romantic fact or fiction?



Ross's definitions of rape."

this type of thing scaremongers. situations are rape especially if the woman has already kissed the man or gone into a bedroom with him.

"No Means No is an autonomous group separate from the NUS and while we support their work to promote an awareness of rape, we don't agree with all of Ms

Philippa Hyman, a psychology student at Sussex University, agrees: "If someone reads that leaflet, then they are going to react to the part on romance and charm because it stands out. Campus rape and women's safety are issues of gravity, but this just makes into a joke. It's a very good idea that No Means No aims to show that

the legal definition of rape is too tight, but "A lot of men would not think that some

The point that really ought to be made

is that any situation is rape when you say no — rape happens when sex is not mutually desired. It's totally irrelevant what the relationship is, it's the nature of

what you are doing, and that's also why male rape must be recognised in the eyes of the law. It's a bad idea to alienate men

 and this will also alienate women." Confusion and alienation among men will result from the type of information in the leaflet, according to Peter Wilson, a postgraduate student at York University. He believes that it would be rare to find a man or woman who has not behaved in a charming or romantic manner to endear a member of the opposite sex to them. "The implication that charm and romance belong to the category of coercion and force ranks highly in the half-truth stakes alongside the infamous, all men are potential rapists'; these phrases are based on irrefutable and righteous premises, but are guaranteed to patronise and confuse the very people who should be listening — men."

s Ross says she pondered over s Ross says she pondered over using the paragraph on charm and romance, but does not regret its inclusion because, she insists, it

has opened up the debate on rape. "I've had verbal abuse about this leaflet from men and women, but at least people are talking about it. I stand by the the paragraph on romance and charm. The point I'm trying to make in it is that men and women play games with each other, and this is dangerous, it leads to people not understanding another persons

someone the survivor knows and 35 per cent are by acquaintances. For many women the issue of consent is irrelevant because they don't get any choice in the Anna Souhami, a classics student at Oxford University, agrees with the princi-ple behind Ms Ross's leaflet: "I see the point that's being made. A man should not assume that taking a woman out to dinner means he is going to get sex. A man must be aware that a woman is not

"I want to stop women saying 'It won't

happen to me' and ignoring rape. Sixty

per cent of rapes are committed by

always as willing to have sex as he may want her to be. "I think the leaflet is pointing out that there are more subtle ways of forcing a woman to have sex than dragging her

down an alley at knifepoint." KATE ALDERSON



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In his handling of tonight's Maastricht vote the prime minister has ignored every Confucian maxim of war

s it all a hallucination? A young Tory minister awaking this morning could be forgiven for wondering if he is in a had dream. By tonight he could be facing unemployment, just six months after putting on his new doublebreasted, fingering the lock on his red box and wondering whether to sit in the front or back of the Rover. Can it be true, or did his teenage

daughter slip a substance into his late-night cocoa?

An old maxim states that he who can see his way through the next 24 hours wins. Gamble on a week or a month, but never gamble on a day. Tonight John Major has demanded a vote of support from Tory MPs on the floor of the House of Commons. He may lose it. If he loses, he could in theory cling to power. This paving motion is a very British sort of referendum in which Tory MPs hold proxies for the nation. Lose and Mr Major could conceivably claim that Parliament has spoken. Maastricht is dead, but too bad. He never believed in it really, any more than he believed in poll tax or the exchange-rate mechanism. He could even claim that only a few Tories voted against him. The majority of his party are with him, and all would support the

Major: the monarch of muddle

subsequent confidence vote. He could have claimed all this two weeks ago and set our junior minister's mind at rest. Instead we have a had case of the shakes. The reason is that Mr Major is

doing something which I suspect is unprecedented in modern politics. He is defying the whips and exposing to possible catastrophe in the voting lobbies what should be an internal party argument. If a sufficient minority is prepared to defy the whips, then the whips should back off. The game is one of high-level bluff, but bluff played to certain rules. Once a bargain is struck, rebellion is kept to the old Angus Maude formula of "the

overall majority minus one". Mr Major has disregarded every Confucian maxim of war. Not only has he given his enemies no bridge over which to retreat, in his vanity and his rage he has chopped down bridges in his own rear. What seemed at the crucial cabinet on October 15 a risky but tenable battle plan has not worked out. By threatening elections and resigna-tions and damning the rebels to eternal loss of favour Mr Major has shown that neither victory nor defeat will see prisoners taken.

If he loses tonight, two years of

torment ending in last month's desperate promise of a new start could be wasted. John Major will dissolve on the branch, a Cheshire cat leaving behind just a pair of

funny glasses.

And if he wins? This is no April election tangle in which victory obviated all post-mortern. What has given the rebels their staying power the issue of their rebellion, Europe. When rebels tell worried constituents that Maastricht is a matter of principle, the latter tend to agree. They are baffled as to why the prime minister is holding his party to the fire like this, when a dozen escape stratagems were available.

Mr Major claims his stance on Maastricht is of a piece. He signed a treaty. He promised to ratify it. Despite his ingenuous (now ironic) SIMON JENKINS

hints that he must consult Parliament, his European partners assumed he could deliver as least as promptly as they. He presides over their council. He must be seen to believe in his presidency. This means not just leaving the ratification bill to tick over in committee. He must seek a full motion of confidence in Europe before the Edinburgh summit next month. Britain's prestige is at stake. It is a case of death or dishonour.
It is the palpable absurdity of this

stance - rooted in what appear no more than diplomatic niceties that is causing Mr Major's party to question his judgment, win or lose tonight. How did the down-to-earth tactician, trained in the Downing Street School of Ultimate Pragmatism, come to this pass? One reason I believe is sheer exhaustion. Forget all the talk

stability. He can summon up the adrenalin now and then. But his patent tiredness in meetings and social enagements must affect his judgment. A tired prime minister is product of rotten staffwork. It shows in vulnerability to constant and idiotic Foreign Office demands on his diary which a weak team fail to resist. They have fallen victim to H.A.I. Fisher's definition of history as a "sequence of emer-gencies", at the mercy of events, encircled, unable to seize initiatives, reactive not proactive.

But there is more to Mr Major's bizzrre gamble than this. He is proving yet another "outsider" Tory leader. He is a take it-or-leavet player of the game. His ambition is undoubted, but the improbability of his rise has left him careless of the mechanics of keeping power. There is no trace of noblesse oblige, no sense of keeping the show on the road for the sake of country or party. When he mutters to colleagues that "there is life after"

politics, you know," he makes them shudder. Leaders are not meant to think such unthinkables in a crisis. Small wonder the pressure has driven him back, as it drove Lady Thatcher, to the comforting abstractions of foreign affairs, to

relying on phrases such as prestige. European leadership, marginalisation and British interests (always undefined). There is still glamour abroad. There is show. A prime minister overseas is his country personified. He is not the embatthed leader of a faction. The language of the Foreign Office brief slides easily down the gullet. The raw meat of home politics is tough and must be chewed into

the night.
Yet of all the redoubts in which to make a last stand. Maastricht must be the oddest. Not just in the country but in the corridors of government, Europe has become a ceaseless, tedious, mind-numbing battle over alien terrain. It has devastated one prime minister after another ever since Macmillan.

Most ministers see the new treaty as a smokescreen for European inaction on policies to promote freer trade. Most know that Martin Bangemann was right vesterday when he said that the Maastricht Treaty was indeed a step towards federalism. They see in its waffling clauses yet more late nights of argument, yet more maddening interference. They would love to call the French and German bluff on farming, Gatt, regional aid, the budget but how when they are locked into arguing over this wretched treaty?

The cabinet and most Tories had accepted Mr Major's implied promise that Maastricht was the last hurdle that Britain would have to jump, that to refuse it point blank would do more harm than good to Britain's interests. They had accept-ed ratification as the "least worst" way forward. They thought they could hold the line for John Major on the basis of hastening slowly with the bill. Instead he has thrown down the gauntlet in the most daring terms and challenged the sceptics to do their worst. John Major is scaring his cabinet out of their wits. The Monarch of Muddle Through is testing his kingdom to destruction. He had better win.

The loneliness of the American right

The United States may be culturally conservative but, as support for Clinton shows, its political tradition remains liberal, writes Alan Ryan

ou might think that American conservatives would be cheerful. Regardless of the outcome of the presidential election, they have pushed the centre of gravity of American politics well to the right. Remember the way Bill Clinton refused to stop the execution of Rickey Ray Rector. a brain-damaged black murderer on Arkansas' death row, who was duly put to death last January during the primary campaign. Some saw it as a sign of the desperation of Mr Clinton's campaign for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. Others thought it was a necessary step in shifting the Democratic party back towards the centre of gravity of American politics. Foreigners saw it as a bizarre commentary on a society that allows the citizenry to arm itself to the teeth and becomes hysterical about the predictable consequences.

Whatever else it showed, it showed how conservative the American public is over crime and and a tooth for a tooth." strikes most Americans as a good rule of thumb: the deterrent effect of the death penalty is neither here nor there. Most people believe the Bible is unequivocally in favour of the death penalty, and the argument stops. Walter Mondale is said to have groaned at the thought of a Democratic presidential candidate who really believed in the death penalty, but Walter Mondale was on the wrong side of the landslide Reagan re-election of 1984.

if Americans are culturally conservative, why are conservatives so unhappy with the way things are going? Much of the explanation rests on the fact that the conservative alliance that carried Ronald Reagan into the White House was even more fragile than the liberal coalition it thrashed in three elections in the 1980s, and the rest on Mr Bush's total lack of interest in ideas. It is not only liberals who complain that Mr Bush lacked vision; Edwin Feulner, the head of the Heritage Foundation, commented bitterly on the "visionless White House pretending to be conservative". But the electorate is the greater problem. The success of

Ronald Reagan and George Bush obscured the fact that the American electorate, like its British counterpart "votes its pocketbook". Gpa ernments make less difference than

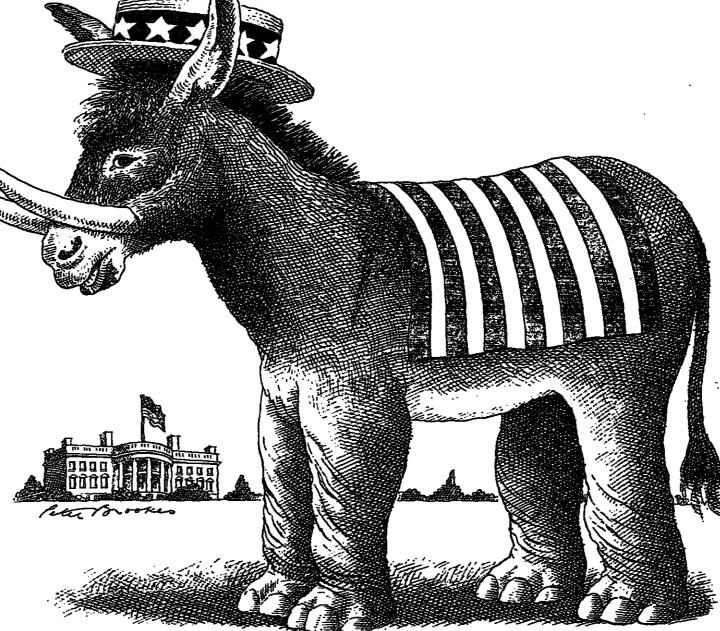
they pretend, but in prosperous times they get re-elected, and in hard times they do not. But

American politics allows one cru-cial difference from Britain. Because Americans vote directly for their president, they can vote for a president of one party and a Congress of another - they can and do vote their wallets at one level and their passions at another.

Byron Shafer, professor of American government at Oxford, offers the plausible thought that Americans like God-fearing, nationalist socially conservative figureheads in the White House, but think secular, free-spending Democrats are better for everyday prosperity. The electorate has its heart on the right and its wallet on the left. They will vote a so long as it costs them nothing, and so long as the Democrats run Congress. This makes life difficult for

liberals and conservatives in exactly opposite ways. Liberals have trouble with the fact that their natural economic constituency is blue-collar workers who dislike abortion on demand, flag burning, sex education, the Supreme Court's decision that school prayer violates the constitution, and a lot else. Still, liberals who want the government to intervene in the economy but not in the bedroom find it easy to cooperate with one another. Conservatives, however, are less a mixed bag than a squabbling one. They include, as one of their number ruefully observed, both hard-line anti-communists, free marketeers, Jewish ex-liberals, and evangelical ex-Democrats whose economic interests pull them one way and their religious convictions the other.

Many of those who embraced Mr Reagan as the means of inflicting supply-side economics on the United States were not conser-vative but ultra-liberal; on drug control, for instance, they advocated the legalisation of most, and



sometimes of all mind-altering substances. After all, the brains the addict fries are his own, and if that is what the addict chooses to do with his brains, they said, that is his business. It is cheaper to let addicts rot according to their own devices than to waste several billion dollars a vear on law enforcement and billions more on keeping addicts

and dealers in jail. But this is just the outlook that the other half of the conservative coalition cannot stand. For, the other half of the American right is looking to restore a godly republic. The American republic is, as the oath of allegiance says, "one nation

under God", and they want to stress under God. When Pat Buchanan, Pat Robertson, and Phyllis Schlafly got up on the platform of the Republican convention back in August, they were fighting for a cultural conservatism that many supply-siders would shun like the

As for their economics, Pat Buchanan might drive a Mercedes as his opponents enjoyed reminding the voters - but his economics are crudely protectionist and nationalist, and play to the gut instincts of the blue-collar reactionaries whose views he shares and whose votes he courted. Phyliis

Schlafty's economic views are not much discussed; what she fears is not economic competition but moral rot. She was vehemently opposed to civil rights legislation that prevented employers from discriminating against homosexuals, but not for any economic consequences it might have. God will doubtless take care of a godly people and visit the ungodly with appropriate evils, but that is God's business. Ours is to live according to His

commandments. There is no intellectual or political problem about defending the combination of a strong state, cultural conservativism, and eco-

nomic laissez-faire. It is arguable that only people with strong moral convictions will have the energy, the self-reliance, and the stamina to run an economy that does not "baby" them, and that only a strong state will be able to enforce law and order at home and freemarket relations abroad. Mrs Thatcher flourished on just that claim. What the mixture cannot take, however, is too strong an injection of religious faith. Mr Bush momentarily tried to appeal to the right by claiming that the Democrats had left God off the party platform, and the electorate promptly shut him up.

The permanent problem of the American right is that tradition, the constitution and the public set narrow limits to how far conservatism can go. A conservative who appeals to the American tradition is appealing to a liberal tradition: this is the first new nation, it enshrined the rights of man in its constitution, was the first to risk democratic politics, the first to do without an established church and leave individuals to settle their accounts with God according to their own consciences. It is not surprising that American conservatives sound angry and defeated even when they are winning - tradition, the favourite resource of English conservatives, works against them, not

Since this tradition is built into the country's constitution, conservatives also find themselves having to do what no conservative really wants to do — demanding changes in the constitution. It is hard to look conservative if you are not conserving the current constitution but rushing round drumming up sup-port for amendments to outlaw abortion, flag burning, pornography or whatever. Right-wing insurgency does not look conservative. and it frightens the public. The public is opposed by large major-ities to what look like extreme positions - on abortion, for instance, three quarters of the public want women to be able to choose to have an abortion if necessary, and making it available "on demand". They really do not want to repeal the First Amendment, nor even

veryone on the right feels let down by Mr Bush's presidency. Enthusiasts for small government note that tax bills have risen, the deficit has grown, and Mr Bush has behaved like every other politician on the stump - having opposed the Osprey tilt rotor plane years, he boasted to crowds in Delaware that he had brought them safe employment for the next several years. Enthusiasts for godliness note that he vetoed pro-choice legislation but failed to get the Supreme Court to reverse Roe vs Wade, or bring back school prayer. Nationalists observe that before he thrashed Saddam Hussein's army. he provided the money to equip it. And so rather lengthily on. Outside the north-east and California, this is a culturally conservative country. But for the American right, it is not the promised land.

The author is professor of politics at Princeton University.

Making the most of Bill

AS STUDENTS at his former college celebrated the expected victory of Bill Clinton last night, the Oxford University machine was already at work, deciding how best to market its latest asset.

University College, will almost certainly make him an honorary fellow, as indeed might Pembroke, where he was taught for his two first and formative terms. Meanwhile the university itself is believed to be considering an honorary degree. Former American recipients include Bob McNamara, secretary of defense to president Kennedy, and the economist J.K.

The university will be desperate to get cash from the states as soon as possible and to do that it needs Clinton in a gown, soon," says one Oxford fellow. "A Clinton presi-dency will be extremely beneficial for the university and raise its profile in the States," agrees Oxford Union treasurer Toby Lewis.

The last president to speak at the Oxford Union was Jimmy Carter. but the union is hopeful that Clinton will find time for an evening debate in Oxford. Christopher Hall, president of the union, is to send an invitation to the White House next week. "He was very positive when we invited him before," Hall says. "He wasn't able

to come then but I'm sure if he's in the country he will make the effort". Exactly how soon he visits Britain will depend on relations be-tween Clinton and the British government, but Oxford will again play a part. It is already rumoured that Clinton's university contempo-raries, the Tory MPs Edwina Currie, William Waldegrave, Ann Widdicombe and Gyles Brandreth, will be asked to revive the special relationship.

There are those within the university, however, who feel Clinton may have more to think about than the £340 million Oxford fund. Norman Stone, the outspoken professor of modern history, says: "I would have thought he would want to spend time thinking about his own three trillion dollar debt".

● Not all of Bill Clinton's former associates at Oxford will be impressed by a victory in the US elections. Douglas Millin, University College's legendary porter, was decidedly underwhelmed by Clinton's last political triumph. Ac-cording to the University College Record, Millin met Clinton on his return to Oxford after his election as the youngest ever governor of Arkansas. "I hear you have been elected King of some place with two men and a dog," said Millin.



Boothroyd's big day

WITH today's vote on Maastricht too close to call, the future of John Major may lie in the hands of Betty Boothroyd, the first woman Speaker. In the event of a tied vote, Boothroyd, elected Labour MP for West Bromwich West, will have the

casting vote.

She would no doubt refer to the bible of Commons procedure Erskine May but the advice seems clear. Boothroyd would almost cer-tainly be obliged to vote with the Government, in favour of the motion, to preserve the status quo, on the grounds that there was no majority in the House to defeat the

ministration. Viscount Tonypandy, as Speaker George Thomas, regularly faced a similar dilemma during the last Labour government. He voted with the government on several occasions when he had the casting vote and had many anxious moments

during the confidence motion against Jim Callaghan's govern-ment in 1979, which the Tories won by one vote, forcing a general election. "I was relieved that I did

not have to decide," he says. If Labour had gained one more vote, Tonypandy's casting vote would have deprived the nation of

Mini Maastricht

DAVID Martin, MEP for Lothians, expects to be £140,000 richer before too long. Martin is claiming the reward offered by Jacques Delors at the Birmingham summit last month for anyone who could produce a straightforward definition of subsidiarity on one page. Today a brown envelope landed on the EC president's desk containing Maastricht in a Minute - a summary of the treaty, prepared by

"I don't think that it quite fits Delors's bill but it should at least show him how things can be explained in clear and simple terms," says Martin, who has sent a copy to John Major.

Martin, however, may find himself waiting for the reward. His 16-page booklet has some way to go before it becomes the equivalent of the Ladybird guide to Maastricht. Delors is unlikely to take kindly to such gobbledegook as "sustainable and non-inflationary growth respecting the environment.





Baroness Thatcher (left) is doing her bit for the depressed British housing market. She spent 45 minutes last week looking round No 32 Grosvenor Gardens, former home of Lord Birkenhead (right), which is on the market for £1.75 million, a trifle for a woman estimated to have earned £9 million since leaving Downing Street.

 The Bulgarians, as devotees of Janet Reger underwear can testify, know a thing or two about marketing. Recently a magazine advertise-ment for mail order lingerie accidentally printed the private telephone number of the Bulgari-an ambassador, Ivan "Johnny" Stancioff. After initial bafflement, the ambassador has turned the confusion to his country's advantage. He has been telling callers to visit Bulgaria and buy its wine. Stancioff, whose home is in Aber-

deenshire, said: "I came back from holiday and kept getting these calls on my private phone; people mumbling something about lingerie." The magazine has apologized and made good its mistake. Stancioff's secretary at the embassay is now the owner of a Janet Reger nightdress and negligée.

Spudnik

IT IS not only John Major's diet which is causing concern among

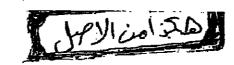
his aides. President Yeltsin's passion for potatoes is posing a problem for officials organising the Russian president's two-day visit to London next week when he is expected to address Parliament for the first time.

Yeltsin, who admits that he is no gourmet, is a potato fanatic. He has been planting them for thirty years and this autumn he dug up enough to fill six sacks. He has informed the organisers of the trip that he is quite prepared to eat only once a day, as long as its potato. His fa-vourite meal, they have been told, is potatoes in their jackets with

herrings.
Those concerned with the diets of the two statesmen have hit upon a novel dish when Yeltsin lunches with Major on Monday — large helpings of Norma Major's shep-herd's pie.

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EMPTY THREATS

The arguments against Euro-rebels are specious

Those Conservative MPs who dare to vote against the government tonight will be accused of crimes ranging from disloyalty to bloodymindedness, from subverting Britain's position in Europe to bankrupting the country and prolonging the recession. The accusations are at best questionable, at worst plain wrong.

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Would a "no" vote tonight derail the Maastricht process, as has been claimed? Not at all. If Labour's amendment wins the day, it would merely delay the ratification process in Britain until after the Edinburgh summit. That is a perfectly respectable desire, since the treaty may have to be amended then to satisfy the Danes. Parliament can reasonably delay considering any treaty until its final shape is clear.

The second state of the second Nor is Britain being particularly dilatory. Germany still has not ratified the treaty, and the notion that all 11 states must have ratified before Denmark's next referendum. so as to put maximum pressure on Danish voters, smacks of bullying.

Would a "no" vote weaken Britain's position at the Edinburgh summit? Quite the reverse. Britain's European partners have been too reluctant to admit the strength of opposition to Maastricht here. If John Major wants to argue for a more binding commitment to subsidiarity, his position will be strengthened by his domestic difficulties. The other Europeans will begin to realise that they have to make deeper concessions.

Superficially, the strongest argument against a "no" vote is that a Britain seen to be marginalised in Europe might attract less inward investment. Foreign companies might prefer to locate in countries fully committed to European union because they fear that sometime in the future these nations might erect trading barriers against those on. the periphery. This would make a nonsense of the European Community and would be illegal under the single market.

Britain will still, however, retain all the attractions that have brought it a disproportionate share of inward investment into the EC so far. English is the first language of Americans and the second language of most of the rest of the world. Britain has sizeable expatriate communities and is popular with foreigners. Its labour costs are low, and its regulation of business light, an advantage that will become all the greater now that Britain alone has avoided the expense and constraints of the social chapter.

Foreign investors are also concerned about political stability. That may be a quality Britain seems to lack in today's turbulent times. Yet there is no gainsaying that British political institutions are stable. Britain has seen no sign of the xenophobic nationalism that so poisons the politics of many other European countries. Those nationalist parties are likely to win even more support once Maastricht's ideal of European federalism begins to take shape and cherished national traditions are threatened by regulation from Brussels.

Even if some foreign investors were to be deterred by Britain's supposed lack of commitment to the European ideal, how far would the government be prepared to go in pursuit of their dollars or yen? Suppose Britain signed up to Maastricht but then seemed handicapped by not rejoining the exchange-rate mechanism? Suppose sterling returned to the ERM and it was then claimed that Britain was suffering by not signing up to a common currency? Politicians would be faced with exactly the same pressures at each stage.

Rebels will finally be accused of irreparably damaging the government and the premiership of John Major. A "no" vote would indeed be a blow to both. But MPs should balance this against the damage to them that would be done by accepting a treaty on which the British people have serious reservations and have never been consulted. A defeat for the government tonight would greatly increase the likelihood of a referendum on Maastricht.

There is no question now of a general election being called or a vote of confidence lost. As for Mr Major's position, he is perfectly capable of continuing in the job, albeit chastened by defeat in a battle he should never have sought. In the end, a prime minister who does what is right will be stronger than one who does what is wrong.

IRISH SHENANIGANS

Dublin faces a general election it neither wants nor needs

Europe's economies slither towards slump. Public faith in the elected leaders of the rich Western democracies declines. The handful of statesmen not wholly distracted by domestic political crises wrestle with designs for a Europe of the 21st century. And what of the Republic of Ireland? The Irish political class is now girding its loins for a wholly unwanted and unnecessary general election because one minister has called another a

The partners in Ireland's wobbling coalition stepped back from the brink yesterday, but there is precious little sign that the prime minister and his coalition partner are in any mood to back down. In doing so, Albert Reynolds and Desmond O'Mailey are committing exactly the mistake which is deepening public disillusion with politicians from Limerick to Lvov.

In the course of an enquiry into allegations of improper links between a big Irish food exporter and Mr Reynolds' Fianna Fail party, the two ministers squabbled in an attempt to acquire a little extra leverage in the endless battle for advantage. By cheerfully indulging in this shortsighted quarrel. the two men confirmed their indifference towards the urgent questions facing their country and continent.

An election would be an avoidable waste of time, money and stability. After the revolving-door governments of the early 1980s, the Irish political system settled down and appeared to deliver a healthier economy by the end of the decade. But in 1992 the Irish punt is grossly overvalued and unemployment is the highest in the EC.

the financial markets with the help of reimposed capital controls.

The polls do not suggest that the government has lost ground with voters and the economy needs certainty, not a month of volatile politicking. If Mr Reynolds can hold his two-party cabinet together, he need not go to the polls before 1994.

Most soundings suggest that an election will change little. Mr Reynolds may be chafing at the self-restraint required to manage a coalition. Voters appear to think that he should try harder to learn the art. since he will probably be re-elected to form another coalition.

None of the urgent nems on Ireland's domestic or European agenda will be solved by an election which would be dominated by what America has come to know as "character issues" and the highly-charged question of abortion law. An election campaign will not assist the discovery of the truth about the disputed beef exports. The enquiry which brought Mr Reynolds and Mr O'Malley to blows was already at work and the ministers should stop clouding the issues and let it complete its task. Abortion law is due to be debated by referendum: the level of argument will not be raised by

entanglement with an election. Decisions on Ireland's economy are being shaped outside its borders. Its government's voice is needed to help achieve a deal in the world trade talks and to talk sense in the debate on how to revive Europe's faltering economies. When politicians have challenges to rise to, they should put away thoughts of disappearing down an election

burrow. The currency only survived the hurricane in

Foreign trains skid on the rails in autumn too

NO LEAF FROM THEIR BOOK

The Swedish Scrubber works with less than Scandinavian efficiency. The Austrian snake-grinder is not much better. Thick. sticky paste, smeared on by the mile, proved an inadequate solution. Flailing deflector skirts caused a swirl but little eise. The best hope lies in millions and millions of tiny steel balls: engineering's answer to the insidious and growing threat to high-speed rail travel, the sodden wet leaf.

In the good old days of steam, nature's autumnal fall never slowed the measured pace of the clanking iron horse. The weight of the mighty driving wheels crushed any organic matter on the line, while the oldfashioned clasp brakes quickly burned off encrusted leaves clogging the wheels. But as trains grew lighter, electric driving wheels smaller, and disc brakes replaced the castiron kind, a creeping slippage followed.

Trees beside the lines, allowed to inxuriate in the tranquillity of economic cutbacks, grew taller and bolder, shedding their annual harvest more profusely. Network South East discovered to its growing embarrassment that honesty was no longer the best policy: telling commuters on the 18.48 Guildford via Cobham that expensive new rolling stock could not cope with leaves. let alone snow, led to an explosion of

British Rail has put its best boffins on to the problem, as well as employing an army of foresters to cut down 50,000 trees over the past year. Scientists produced a whole treatise on the transformation under high pressure of leaf debris into a hard black substance, 50 per cent organic matter and 50 per cent ferrous oxides, which hampers track circuitry and interferes with signalling. But the 18.48 is still running late. What will happen when the new Transmanche supertrains emerge next autumn from beneath the English Channel?

Luckily news has now leaked out that Britain is not alone in the fight to keep its railways clear. France and Germany also worry about the rustle of autumn. Deutsche Bundesbahn and SNCF now seem a little less smugly efficient as their trains also slip through stations, spin their wheels and burn out their motors. Even Switzerland, where every tree is individually tended in a manicured landscape, cannot control its pine needles.

Will privatisation be the cure? Experience suggests that leaves have an arborial tendency to fall on both branch and trunk lines, regardless of ownership. Let the scrubbers get to work, let the steel-balls roll. The only answer, as every train buff will insist, is: bring back steam.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Last minute advice to doubters over tonight's vote on the Maastricht treaty

From Professor S. F. Bush

reements.

Sir. I wonder how many of the 27

luminaries of the CBI who write today

advocating ratification of the Treaty

on European Union have actually

read it. One would hope that they have

brought to bear on the treaty the same

exacting scrutiny which they bring to

bear on their companies' commercial

"easy re-entry to the ERM is not likely to be feasible ... we should not close

off the option to re-enter". Do they not

realise that the central purpose of the

treaty (Article G, Title VI) is monetary

union, that membership of the ERM

is the first stage and that the second

stage to which the treaty legally com-

mits this country begins on January 1,

1994, less than 14 months away.

Despite Britain's theoretical option to defer a decision on full monetary

union in Stage 3, under Stage 2 we

will be bound to adopt convergent

monetary (largely deflationary) poli-

cies which run flat counter to the new

Again, contrary to their letter, the

Maastricht treaty articles do not add

appreciably to the framework of the

single market these are provided for

in the Single European Act (1986).

Where the treaty does have an

additional effect on the market is in its

provision (Articles 130a-d) for the setting up (before December 31,

1993) of a new cohesion fund whose

central purpose is to transfer large

sums of money (so-called structural

funds) from the rich north to the poor

In other words, countries like Britain will pay subsidies to other

countries like Portugal and Greece in

order that they will be able to compete

better with us. On current EC plans

these transfers double Britain's

present EC contribution of almost £3

Is this what the CBI wants?

south of the Community.

billion.

Yours faithfully,

November 2.

STEPHEN BUSH,

Poynton, Cheshire.

Genval, Millstone Close,

From Mr Robert D. A. Pick

policy of economic growth.

Your correspondents say that while

From Mr Nigel Waterson, MP for Eastbourne, and other Conservative MPs

Sir. We were all first elected to the House of Commons in April, and were signatories to the early day motion (report June 5) calling for a fresh start" in the EC following the result of the Danish referendum.

We are all now intending to support the government on Wednesday's paying motion. We shall be doing so not because we no longer have reservations about certain terms of the Maastricht treaty. We do have such reservations; and will continue to press our views on ministers.

However, the treaty as it stands makes an encouraging start to redressing the drift to federalism in the Community. Under the British presidency we are beginning to put flesh on the bones of subsidiarity. Following the results of the referendums in France and Denmark, and British withdrawal from the ERM, we believe events in Europe are moving to meet

Now is not the time to put all this at risk, or to undermine the outstanding leadership of John Major.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL WATERSON, ANGELA BROWNING (Tiverton), GEOFFREY CLIFTON-BROWN benœster and Tewkesbury. ALAN DUNCAN (Rutland and Melton). NIGEL EVANS (Ribble Valley). DAVID FABER (Westbury). LIAM FOX (Woodspring) PHIL GALLIE (Ayr), NICK HAWKINS (Blackpool South), CHARLES HENDRY (High Peak). DAVID LIDINGTON (Aylesbury). ANDREW ROBATHAN (Blaby), JOHN SYKES (Scarborough), ROY THOMASON (Bromsgrove), DAVID WILLETTS (Havant). House of Commons.

From Sir Basil Feldman and Mr John Mason

November 2

Sir. Just over six months ago the voluntary workers of the Conservative party campaigned extremely hard for a Conservative victory at the general election. Under John Major's leadership, we achieved it.

We were all fighting on the basis of a manifesto which set out a clear commitment to the Maastricht treaty. We were happy to stand by the manifesto then and we should be happy to stand by it now.

It is our job - as it should be for all Conservatives - to rally round the prime minister in his efforts to protect Britain's interests in Europe.

People like ourselves who have worked on a voluntary basis for the party for many years will therefore find it difficult to understand how a small number of Conservative members of Parliament could possibly contemplate siding with the Labour party. That is not why their constituencies sent them to Parliament.

We hope that any who are considering such a course will think again and we know that this hope is shared by all 12 area chairmen of the National Union of Conservative Associations.

Yours faithfully, BASIL FELDMAN (Chairman, Conservative National Union Executive Committee), JOHN MASON (Chairman, National Union of Conservative and Unionist

Associations) c/o Mason, Baggott and Garton, 17 Wells Street, Scunthorpe, South Humberside. November 3.

From Professor Kenneth Minogue and others

Sir. We believe all who are unhappy about ratification of the Maastricht treaty would agree with Sir Michael Angus et al (letter, November 2) that "the most important aspect of the Community's development is the single market". Unfortunately, the treaty goes far beyond that objective and in

so doing detracts from it. Maastricht is all about the building of a European superstate and despite the modifications secured by Mr Major would still commit Britain to membership of the exchange-rate mechanism, at least up to the final stage of a single currency run by a European central bank, associated with massive redistribution of income in the name of cohesion and the co-ordination of budgetary policy as part of convergence criteria. We would also be committed to common citizenship and ultimately to a common foreign and defence policy.

experts, protect member states from this centralising thrust without major

to great cost, thereby inviting retali-

Their fear of refusal to ratify is misplaced. If Maastricht is set aside, there is no question of Britain or Denmark being isolated by being thrown out of the single market, which would breach the Rome treaty. Nor would our partners risk obstructing our trade with the Community, thereby disrupting their own industry, which relies heavily on supplying British markets.

Now we know that early British doubts on centralised coercion are widely shared, even in France and Germany, our best service to rebuilding prosperity and harmony in a wider Europe would be to pause on Maastricht and give wiser counsels time to prevail.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH MINOGUE (LSE). RALPH HARRIS. BRIAN HINDLEY (LSE). MARTIN HOLMES (Oxford). KEITH JOSEPH, B. C. ROBERTS (LSE), SWAYTHLING, VINSON.

c/o London School of Economics. Houghton Street, Aldwych, WC2.

From Mr Anthony Cowgill Sir, Sir Michael Angus and many of

you on December 13, 1991, again just before a major parliamentary debate on the treaty, in which they said We ... believe that the agreement on

economic and monetary union reached at Maastricht is crucial to the economic wellbeing of the nation and it must now be firmly endorsed.

They now say that

in the light of continuing uncertainties about how the ERM will develop and of our opt-out clause on economic and monetary union, we see that issue [re-entry to the ERM] as separable from the question of treaty ratification.

Since the prime aim of the Maastricht treaty is to establish an economic and monetary union, and membership of the ERM is an essential prerequisite, this seems somewhat disingenuous.

The fundamental point is that strict compliance with our agreements at Maastricht will require the UK's reentry into the ERM and our adherence to the convergence process. Our commitment to this, which the govemment further underlined at the Birmingham summit, implies a continuing harsh programme of della-

To many industrialists trying to survive during this unnecessarily deepened recession the Birmingham

summit and the Maastricht treaty seem unrelated to reality. Yours sincerely, ARTHUR COWGILL (Director). British Management Data Foundation. Highfield, Longridge, Sheepscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire. November 3.

This vast extension of regulation and control would be achieved by giving the European Commission and Parliament a huge increase in powers deliberately designed to weaken the authority of the Council of Ministers by 111 increases in qualified majority voting. Subsidiarity on which the signatories of that letter place great hope would not, according to legal

Sir Michael and his co-signatories plainly share some of these doubts, ver express concern that failure to ratify would reduce foreign investment in Britain. A more real danger to their companies is that Maastricht would lock us into a European state that is inward-looking and discriminates against the rest of the world, as the common agricultural policy has done

November 3.

Sir. My experience over the years in

representing Asian, and particularly Japanese, companies investing in the UK confirms that Sir Michael Angus and his CBI colleagues are correct if fearing for lost inward investment if the Maastricht treaty is not ratified. Perhaps surprisingly the decision by foreigners to invest in the UK often depends more on the perception that the UK is an integral part of Europe than on any detailed scrutiny of a

particular piece of Euro-legislation. Speaking to businessmen in Taiwan last week has more than ever convinced me of the negative signals which will be sent to potential overseas investors if the Euro-sceptics prevail in Wednesday's debate.

Yours faithfully. R. D. A. PICK. Baker & McKenzie (solicitors). 100 New Bridge Street, EC4.

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, What makes Sir Michael Angus and his distinguished co-signatories so sure that in open competition in a single European market, our exports will fare better than they do now? On present form, it is much more likely that European exports will swamp the

Assuming, however, that we could become more competitive, what evidence is there that by ratifying the Maastricht treaty, we would be able to

there and during a five-year period I

win a larger share of a more rapidly growing market, or increase our

ability to attract inward investments?

Yours faithfully, LIONEL BLOCH, 9 Wimpole Street, W1. November 2.

From Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale

Sir. To claim Maastricht as a victory was foolish because it was false, but it is equally foolish to portray Maastricht as a defeat. Maastricht was not the beginning of the end of Euro-federalism, but it could be the beginning of a coherent strategy for free trade and against federalism.

How can that strategy best be developed? That is the question the Euro-sceptics must ask themselves before they vote. Britain's future lies in Europe and we will help shape Europe. Will our voice be strengthened or weakened by a vote which deleats the prime minister as he approaches the Edinburgh summit?

The answer is clear It might be dishonourable or dishonest for a Tory MP to renege at this point on the election manifesto: it would certainly be a mistake. Defeat for the prime minister might be satisfying to his Euro-critics, but it would not serve the cause of free trade within an enlarged Europe.

The prime minister should not be sem naked into the negotiating cham-

Yours faithfully, DAVID WOLFSON, House of Lords. November 3.

From Mr Peter Willsher

Sir. Although there is an overwhelming majority in Parliament in favour of proceeding with the European Communities (Amendment) Bill the government of this country faces the prospect of defeat tomorrow night. This is because the Labour party is exploiting the divisions amongst the Conservatives and the anti-Maastricht Tories are feeling buoyant and triumphant as a result of Labour's decision to display its lack of principles.

John Major is entirely correct in seeking to demonstrate that too many of our politicians have little or no regard for our status in Europe, upon which the future strength of our economy is so dependent. If he loses the vote he will not have lost the argument. The electorate will not forget the damage done by such an unholy alliance. John Smith stands no chance of achieving power as a result of such a pathetic demonstration of opportunism.

Yours faithfully. PETER WILLSHER. Brook Farm, Beyton, November 3.

From Mr John Browne

Sir, Although Maastricht was successfully buried as an issue at the general election, we are denied the referendum which other Europeans enjoy and for which there is already precedent here at home. On Wednesday, whips serving a cabinet, some of whose members have not even read the treaty, will attempt to strangle the democratic rights and duties of our elected representatives to vote according to their own view of our national

interest Those Tory MPs who resist the whips will have shown conviction, courage and a sense of duty of high degree. If we, their constituents, truly believe in the costly tradition of democracy they are defending, then we must stand by them when their whips seek retribution in their constituencies.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BROWNE (Conservative MP for Winchester, 1979-921 40 South Eaton Place, SWI. November 3.

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Stansted refugees

From Councillor Pete Challis

Sir, Your report (October 27) about Albanian refugee arrivals at Stansted airport and the resultant concerns of bankruptcy of Uttlesford District Council highlights a problem to which we have attempted to draw the government's attention since 1989.

The government has no co-ordinated policy for refugees. Last week's publication of the Asylum and Immigration Bill (report, October 23) merely reiterates prejudice rather than dealing with the needs of

genuine refugees.

The Association of London Authorities has asked for a properly funded and planned settlement programme to enable local authorities to house refugee families. This would prevent the speciacle of refugees being forced to sleep in leisure centres or church halls and would save unnecessary expenditure on bed and breakfast accommodation.

I hope that the experience of Uttlesford will draw ministers' attention to our proposals so that the UK can meet its obligations to refugees in a humanitarian way.

Yours faithfully, PETE CHALLIS (Chair). Housing Committee, Association of London Authorities. 36 Old Queen Street, SW1. October 27.

Stifling malaria From Mr J. E. Garfitt

Sir, Your science editor's report

"Drugs fail to stifle malaria" (early editions, October 26) ends by saying that "attempts to eliminate the mosquito by means of insecticides, draining swamplands where it breeds, and introducing predators have failed". No mention is made of the use of

regular mist-spraying, with a fine application of kerosene, of breeding sites, such as ditches, cut bamboo dumps, and other places where water collects. The oily film that forms on water prevents the water dwelling larvae of the mosquito from reaching the air and so kills them.

This was the normal procedure in all towns and major villages in Malaya immediately before the last war. I was at that time a forest officer

never found it necessary to take any anti-material precautions other than sleeping under a mosquito-net. I did not contract malaria and I do not remember any absenteeism among my field or office staffs. During the war the widespread use of DDT was introduced for spraying, together with quinine-based prophylactic pills for individuals. These methods appear to

Is it not time perhaps that the use of kerosene was revived? It is comparatively cheap when small quantities are considered, easy to apply by knapsack-sprayer, non-toxic to humans, and non-pollutant in small amounts to the environment.

be no longer effective.

Yours faithfully. J. E. GARFITT, Aythens Cottage, Cradley,

Language fluency

From Mr Robert McLean

Sir. John Hart (letter, October 30) refers to Alexander Selkirk, the onginal Robinson Crusoe, "when rescued after almost five years with only goats and cats for conversational company, could only half mumble his native English". Selkirk would not be talking native English as he was born at Largo in Scotland, where even today

Malvern, Hereford and Worcester. many English would find difficulty in

understanding the natives of Fife.

Furthermore, it is not unknown for

humans to talk to cats and goats, some

even enjoy talking to flowers. Yours faithfully. ROBERT MCLEAN. 44 Cross Road, Tadworth, Surrey.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

UK Gold channel

From Mr Anthony Morris

Sir, I protest against the BBC action in selling their classic programmes to UK Gold ("Modern Times". October 30) thereby forcing licence-fee payers to invest again in order to view repeats of programmes which they have already been obliged to finance.

Surely BBC assets, rather like the crown jewels, are the property of the

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY MORRIS. High Rising, Pedn-Moran, St Mawes, Cornwall.

Ties that bind

From Mr Keith Kemp

Sir. It is not only ties that bind (letters, October 23, 29: November 3). Some years ago, whilst looking at the yachts at Port Grimaud on the French Riviera, I was surprised to see a junk

wearing a white ensign. I mentioned this to the deck hand and was mighty relieved that I had not been more forthright when the deck hand, who was clearly the owner. pointed out that he was a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Yours faithfully. KEITH KEMP. 8 Lower Sloane Street, SW1.







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The Lord Chancellor and the Lady Markey of Cashiera. the Prime Minister and Mrs

of Clashiern, the Prime Minister and Mr. Major, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Hon

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 3: The Sultan of Brunei Darussalam and the Raja Isteri arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke

The Duke of York welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of The Queen at Gatwick Airport. London.

The Sultan and The Raja Isteri, accompanied by His Royal Highness, travelled by Royal Train to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh met The Sultan of Brunei Darussalam and The Raja

Isteri at Victoria Station.
Their Majesties, accompanied by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, drove in a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, with two

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and from the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company.

Guards of Honour were provided at Gatwick by The Queen's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force, at Victoria Station by the 1st Banalion, Grenadier Guards and at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard (2nd Battalion,

Grenadier Guards).
The Queen invested His Majesty with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honour-

Special Invitations
The Archibishop of Canterbury and Mrs
Carey, the Rt. Hon. The Speaker, the Earl
Marshal and the Duchess of Morfold, the
Lord and Lady Challona, the Lord and
Lady Chedwyn of Penthos, the Lord and
Lady Fanshawe of Richmond. Field
Marshal the Lord and Lady Bramall, the
Lord Chief Justice of England and the
Lady Taylor of Gosforth, the Rt Hon. The
Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress. His
Excellency the Commonwealth SecretaryGeneral and Mrs Amarko, the Rt. Hon. Lang Haylor on the Lady Mayoress. His Excellency the Commonwealth SecretaryGeneral and Mis Anyanko, the Ri Hon.
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Sir David and Lady Gillmore, Sir Charles Fietcher-Cooke, Sir Martin and Lady Builer.
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The Duke of Edinburgh, Presiable Order of the Bath.
The Sultan of Brunei
Darussalam and The Raja Isteri this afternoon drove to West-minster Abbey, where His Majesty laid a Wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior, Afterwards, at St James's Palace, Their Majesties received an Address of Welcome by the Lord Mayor and the Councillors of the City of Westminster. The Sultan of Brunei Darussalam and The Raja Isteri then visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Clarence House.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The Sultan of Brunei Darassalam and The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Trustees, this afternoon amended a Meeting of the Trustees of Westminster Abbey Trust, and a Reception at Westminster Abbey. The Raja Isteri, at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Duke of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal The Princess The Princess Royal this morning attended the Conference of Secretaries of Agricultural Shows at the Suffolk Showground, Ipswich, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rowley, Bi). Margaret, Countess of Snowdon The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were

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RHS late autumn show

Evergreens are crowned with gold

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent with large "cartwheels" of yellow flowers.

THE largest collection of mahonias ever staged at a flower show is to be seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's late autumn show, which opened yesterday in Westminster.

The exhibit, which has been awarded a gold medal, consists of about 70 different kinds from the national collection of mahonias, shown by the Crown Estate Commissioners and grown in the Savill and Valley Gardens. Windsor Great Park.

Mahonias are evergreen shrubs, typically with large pinnate leaves and bold heads of yellow flowers in autumn and winter. The collection at the show ranges from old established species and hybrids to the newest, including species recently introduced from China by Roy Lancaster. The most spectacular of these is Mahonia gracillipes with red and white flowers and chalk-white leaf undersides.

The collection ranges from the unusual, like Mahonia acanthifolia with very long drooping acanthus-like leaves, to the well-known Mahonia x media look-alikes 'Winter Sun', 'Buckland' and 'Charity',

Today's royal

engagements

6.00.

The Queen will attend a beating

retreat and reception to celebrate

the 175th anniversary of the 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha

Rifles at the Tower of London at

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Presi dent of the Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk competition panel of judges, will preside at a meeting of the judges at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; as President of the Institute

of Sports Sponsorship, will attend

a luncheon meeting at the Royal Lancaster Hotel at 12.45; as

President of the National Playing

Fields Association, will present the

president's certificates for 1992 at

Buckingham Palace at 4.30; and, as president, will attend a recep-

tion at St James's Palace to mark

the 75th anniversary of King George's Fund for Sailors at 6.45.

The Princess Royal, as President of

the Animal Health Trust, will hold

a meeting of the trust's industry

committee at Buckingham Palace at 9.30; as President of the

Princess Royal Trust for Carers

will attend the British Medical

Association/Carers National Coll-

ege conference at the Royal Coll-ege of General Practioners at 11.15; as President of the Save the

Children Fund, will attend the

Oxford Street buffet luncheon at

Selfridges at 12.30; and, as Chan-cellor of London University, will

open the new hall of residence at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Egham Hill, Egham, at

Princess Margaret, as Patron of Friends of the Iveagh Bequest,

3.00.

There is plenty of autumn leaf colour at this show, with a substantial contribution from Mallet Court Nursery, of Taunton, Somerset. The nursery has staged an educational display comparing many oaks and hollies from North America and far east Asia. The fiery autumn leaf colour is provided by the oaks, such as Qurcus serrata from Asia and the North American Q. rubra. Unusual hollies abound, such as *flex* x koehneana whose large leaves resemble those of the sweet

The trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants staged by Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, contribute seasonal leaf and flower colour. One of the most conspicuous plants is the jasmine-like climber Trachelospermum jasminoides, whose evergreen leaves have turned rich red for the winter. In spring they will revert to green. Fiery foliage is provided by the shrubs Hydrangea quercifolia and Nandina domestica Fire Power'. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal. Another gold-medal winner

Kenwood, will attend a reception and private view of the bicentenary exhibition of Robert Adam at Kenwood House at 7.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Visitor, will

visit Cranfield Institute of Technology at 10.00; and, as Vice-Chair-

man of the Overseas Trade Board.

will visit Electroversal, Luton, at 1.50; and IBC Vehicles, Luton, at

dation for Science and

The Archbishop of York was a speaker at a lecture and dinner discussion of the Foundation for

Science and Technology held last night at the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Lord Butterworth,

chairman, presided. Professor J.R. Coggins, Professor John Harris

Viscount Dunrossil, Chairman of

the Bermuda Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Painters' Hall. Alderman Sir

Peter Gadsden, founder chair-man, also spoke. Sir Desmond and

Lady Langley were among those

Diniomatic and Commonwealth

Lord Owen, Co-Chairman and EC

negotiator of the Yugoslav Peace Conference, and Miss Jenny Abramsky, Editor of News and Current Affairs, BBC Radio, were

the guests of honour at the annual

dinner of the Diplomatic and

Commonwealth Writers Associ-

ation of Britain held last night at Gray's Inn. Miss Hella Pick,

and Dr D.J. Fisk also spoke.

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Dinners

is Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, showing collection of air plants (atmospheric tillandsias)

The RHS competition for ornamental plants with autumn interest is well supported. The National Trust's Winkworth Arboretum, of Godalming, Surrey, has won the Stephenson Clarke cup for four trees or shrubs with autumn foliage: Nyssa sylvatica, Clethra barbinervis, Stephanandra tanakae and Quercus rubra. The class for four trees or shrubs with autumn fruits has been won by Mrs E. Bullivant, of Zeals, Witshire, with Rosa Stourton Apricot Drops', Cotoneaster hybridus 'Pendulus'. Viburnum opulus and Hypericum elatum.

There is also an exhibition of botanical paintings. Gold-medal winners here are Kristin Rosenberg, of Woldingham, Surrey (philatelic work), and Sheila Siegerman, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada (species and hybrid cattleyas).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Memorial services Rear-Admiral J.G. Watson

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Rear-Admiral John Garth Watson was beld vesterday at St Margaret's Church. Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Ven M.H.G. Henley, Chaplain of

Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Watson, brother, and Mr R.L. Wilson, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, read the lessons. Sir Alan Muir Wood gave an address. Miss Rosemary Sutcliff

The Secretary of State for National Heritage was represented by Mr Vaughan Rees at a memorial service for Miss Rosemary Sutcliff held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Ulla Monberg officiated.

The Rev Peter Trafford and Mrs Sarah Palmer read the lessons, Ms Jill Black and Mr Anthony Lawton, godson and chairman, Sussex Dolphin, read from Miss Sutcliff's works and Mr John Bell from the works of Kipling. Mr Murray Pollinger, principal, Murray Pollinger, and Mrs Penelope Lively gave addresses.

Radleian Society

Members who have not received a communication from us in the past month are asked to write, giving their up-to-date address, to the Hon Secretary, Radleian Society, Radley College, Abingdon, Oxon,



Sir Bryan Nicholson, Post Office chairman, the new Chancellor of Sheffield Hallam University

Institution of Civil Engineers

On Tuesday, November 3, Mr Michael Cottell, Executive Consultant to Travers Morgan Group, became the 128th President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, the most senior of the engineering institutions. Mr Tony Sketch, retired as County Engineer, Buckinghamshire County Council, becomes the Chairman of the Institution's Association of Municipal Engineers.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.M. Abera and Miss I. Oases

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of the late Maurice Ahern and of the late Mrs P.J. Fradgley, and Ivon. daughter of the late Mr J.D. Oates and of Mrs D.L. Chatterton, of Pietermanizhurg, South Africa.

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Mr J.H.T. Cope
and Miss M.J. Still
The engagement is announced
between Julian, son of Major and
Mrs G.E.T. Cope, of Abbots
Langley, Hertfordshire, and Margaret, second daughter of Hilary
Still (now Spielman), of Kliffi,
Kenya, and the late Robert Still.

Sir Pieterd Firtherbert Br Sir Richard Fitzklerbert, Bt. and Miss C.L. Shuter

The engagement is announced between Richard Ramulph, son of the late Rev David FitzHerbert MC, and of Mrs FitzHerbert, of Alsa Lodge, Stansted, Essex, and Caroline Louise, daughter of Ma-jor and Mrs Patrick Shuter, of Grangefield House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr W.E. Gosupertz and Miss C.E.K. Anderson The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Dr and Mrs H.R. Gompertz, of Ferring. West Sussex, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

W.E.K. Anderson, of Eton. Mr P.M. Jansen and Miss D.S. Holliday The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Clem Jansen, of Knighton,

Leicester, and Danielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Preston, of Thorpe Bay, Essex. Mr J.M. Pentin and Miss S.N. Forster

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Pentin, of Canterbury, Kent, and Sheena, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Forster, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Mr H.J. Vazz

and Miss L.J. Blakey
The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Captain and Mrs J.C. Vaux, of Moulton, North Yorkshire, and Lucy, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs G.G. Blakey, of Farrington, Dorset.

Jean Balfour, former chairman, Countryside Commission for Scotland, 65; Mr Walter Cronkite, American broadcaster, 76: Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Cunningham, 71; Mrs John Dugdale, a Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen, 69; Mr Russell Evans, company chairman, 70; Professor AJ. Forty, principal, Stirling University, 64; Mr R.A. Henderson, former chairman, Kleinwort Benson Group, 25; Viscount Hereford, 60; Mr Elgar Howarth, musician, 57; Professor Jeffrey Jowell, professor of public law, 54; Sir Anthony Lousada, solicitor, 85; Canon Roy McKay, 92; Air Comand Miss LE. Dean

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr Peter Bennett and the kite Mrs Antonia Bennett, of Kennington. London, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Dean, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Mr. N.J. McCallum

and Miss LA. Thompson The marriage has been arranged and will take place on December 5, between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John McCallum, of Sayview. New South Wales, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thompson, of Lestuardie, Western Australia. Dr C.R. Warren

and Miss S.E. Mather The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Warren, of Banks Farm, Barcombe, Sussex, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Marher, of The Ghyll, Kendal, Cumbria.

Marriages Mr R.F. FitzPatrick

and Miss A.E. Willes

and Miss A.E. Whites The marriage took place on Octo-ber 31, at la Chiesa di Santo Filippo Nero, Cingoli, Italy, of Robert FuzPatrick, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. FitzPatrick, of Hove, West Sussex, to Alison Wilkes, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.D.G. Wilkes of Ecclesall Sheffield South Yorkshire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Geraldine Bickford and Bryony, Helen and Victoria Wilkes.

Mr P.J. Kalegeras

and Miss L.B. Anstey
The marriage took place on October 17, 1992, at Secret Hathour,
St Thomas, US Virgin Islands,
between Mr Peter Kalegeras, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Kalegeras, of Centon, Ohio, and Miss Lucy Ansay, daughter of Mr Simon Ansay, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs Harry Wiggin, of Chepstow, Gwent.

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Birthdays today director, WRAF, 72; Mr Michael

Mr C.J. Bacon, headmaster, Dean Close School, Cheltenham, 55; Dr

Meacher, MP. 53; Professor Jo-seph Rotblat, physicist, 84; Air Commandant Dame Anne Stephens, former director, WRAF, 80: the Dowager Lady Wakehurst, 93.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Guido Reni, painter. Bologna, 1575; King William III, reigned with Queen Mary II 1689-94 and after her death until 1702, The Hague, 1650. DEATHS: John Benbow, admiral, died of his wounds, Port Royal, Jamaica, 1702; Felix Men-delssohn, composer, Leipzig, 1847; Wiffred Owen, poet, killed in action, France, 1918.

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BIRTHS

BATTLE - On October 31st 1992 to Belinda (née Gallop) and Guy, a daughter. Maya Georgia Carmichael.

BLAKE - On November 2nd, to Catherine (nee Ramage) and Adam. a daughter, Marine Scarlett. CARTER - On October 25th. to Amanda (née Mackinlosh) and Noland, a daughter.

isobel. Finance - On October 31st. to Catherine (née Paice) and Tim. a daughter. Rossma Jean, a sister for Sam. FRIEND - On October 24th, to

FRIEND - On October 24th, to Sanda and Jamle, a daughter, Louise Diose Frederica, who lived for just pine days, No more flowers please, but donations instead to The Special Care Baby Unit. North Staffordshire Malermity Hospital. Stokeon-Trent.
GRRLING - On October 30th, to Karen (née Emery) and Patrick, a son, Alexander Edward.
HOLT - On October 26th in Edward.
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Lincoln, to Sarah pole
Herzon) and Charles, a son,
Samuel James Rayner, a
brother for Alexander and
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ITERIALE. On November 2nd. at The Portland Hospital. to Jame (née Stevenson) and Robert, a son. George. son. George.
JENKINS - On November 1st.
to Jane take Pepel and Peter.
a son, Samuel Oliver George.
JONES - On October 29th, to
Floras (nee Bangle) and
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daughter. Natable Grace.
MARIZONI - On Sonday
November 1st, to James and
Amanda. a daughter.
Alexandra Charlotte.
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Vicky (née Yorke-Hill) and
Graham, a daughter, Alice
Heima, a sister for Harry.
RICHARIDS - On October
27th, to Tina and Charles, a
son.

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VENCENT - On October 21st
1992, to Jenni (née Winsor)
and Richard. a son. Thomas
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WORD-WATCHING

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MARRIAGES

JENNINGS:GOODEY - On October 24th, at St Michael's Church. Tilehurst, Ian, younger son of Mr & Mrs C. Robert Jernings, of Chesham Bols and Nicola, daughter of Mr & Mrs Peter Goodey, of Tilehurst, Reading.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited St Elizabeth Hospice. Foxhall Road, Ipswich.
The Princess Royal, Patron, the Canal Museum Trust, this evening attended an Art Exhibition Previous et the Museum 12/13 New.

view at the Museum, 12/13 New Wharf Road, London N1.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

DEATHS

DEATHS BARNS - On October 31st.
peacefully in hospital after a
short Illness. John Francis
(Frank) Fouracre of The
French Horn Hotel. Sommingon-Thames. Greatly loved
uncle and great-uncle who
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rantily and reamy, many friends. A former Brigade Major serving with the Royal Berkshire Regiment during World War II in India and Burma, sits a weteran of No.1 Compeny The HAC. There will be a private cremation followed by a Service of Thamisgiving at St. Andrew's Church. Sommingon Wednesday November 11th 1952 at 12 noon to which all friends are welcome. No flowers by his request, but donations piense to like RSPCA. The Causeway. Horsham, Stassez.

BICKLEY - On October 30th, peacefully in the Runnymede Hospital. Chertsey, after a short fillness, Jack Barnett, aged 92 years, the beloved husband of Eve, loving father of Anne. Efizabeth and caring steptather of Christopher. Kevnn and Marcele. United Kingdom representative of Eurotez and formerty chairman of Jack Barnett, aged 92 years, the beloved husband of Eve, loving father of Anne. Efizabeth and caring steptather of Christopher. Kevnn and Manday November 9th, followed by interment at Randalls Park Cemetery, Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent free and father to Randalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities of the standalls Park Cemetery. Flowers and condities or consistent of the standall peacefully. Joan Mary aged 83, beloved wife of Peter Black of Wraysbury, near Stalnes. The funeral service will lake place at Wraysbury parish. Cemetery for family peacefully. Joan Mary aged 83, beloved wife of Peter Black of Wraysbury in the standalls. Flowers only peacefully. Joan Mary aged 83, beloved wife of Peter Black of Wraysbury. Fam

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FRABEL. - On November 2nd
1992. In Cambridge. Ernest.
Karl Frankl. aged 74 years.
Husband of the late Carmen,
father of Oliver. Clare and
the late Guy. grandfalter to
Philispa. Alexander and
Sam. Funeral Service at
Cambridge City
Crematorium on Friday,
November 6th at 3.30 pm.
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GREENWELL - On November 2nd. Watpole Edward, peacetuly in hospital after a bravely fought illness. Funeral Service on Mounday November 9th, 2.30pm at St. Saviour's Church. St. Georges Square. Pindico. followed by private crementon at Mortiable Crementon at Mortiable Crementon to RAF Benevolent Fund.

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HACKETT - On Friday
October 30th, Patrick,
tragically in a motoring
accident at Torunton. Most
derling husband of Rosanne
sod devoted father of Natalia
and William and precious
grandson of Carlo. Funeral
at St Paul's. Knightshridge
(Wilton Place), at 12 noon on
Friday November 6th, followed by private cremation.
Flowers to Kenyons. 132
Freston Road, London W10
6TR by 5.30 Thursday.
HAMP-ADAMS - On October
29th 1992. Connie, aged 76
years, in South Africa.
Widow of Geoffrey and
much loved mother of Peter
and Geoffrey.

HARTLEY - Stephen. aged 33.
on November 1st. at Kings
College Hospital London.
after a brief illness
contracted in North Africa.
Much loved son of David and
Wendy, brother to Alice and
the late Brigitte and grandson
of Oiga. Enquiries to
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HUMT - On November 1st, in hospital, peacefully, Robert John Cochrane, much loved and loving husband, letter and grandfather. Funeral Servica, Sahurday November 7th at 9.30 am, Cheisea Old Church. CHIVER - On November 2nd
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102 Bowers, but dosations to
171e Hope Nursing Home
would be appreciated.

MARSHALL - On October 30th, in a road accident. Michael. Funeral private. Memorial service later. MAYMARID - On November 1st 1992, peacefully at Bristol Royal Informary. Ernest, formerly of The Queens. The Surreys, and Bowlay, dearly loved husband of Authory and Hugh. Funaral private. MEHTA - On October 21st, suddenly in hospital. Shogiet. aged 67 years. much leved husband of Tara mid father of Kishori. Yogesh, Hitesh and Dilesh and grandfuler of eight. Cremnion has balen place.

DEATHS

president, was in the chair.

MOLONY - On November 2nd. peacefully in the loving care of the staff of Forston Clinic. Dorchester, Norman. In his 86th year, greatly loved husband of Betty and devoted father and grand-lather. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church. Cerne Abbas, at 12 noon on Friday November 6th. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Athelmers Disease Society, 168 Bulham High Road. London SW12 9BN.

NEWINS - On October 30th, peacefully after a brief filmess, Adeline Mand Mary (Phde), beloved wife of the late Crrl and adored auni, cousin, godmother, relative and friend to many who will miss her greatly. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Christichurch Street, London SW3, at 2 µm on Monday November 9th, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers and enguiries, J.H. Kenyon (071) 937-0757. Donations, if desired, to SSAFA, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 21P.

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PAINE - On November 3rd.
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PERKISS - On October 30th, peacetally at Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Lesile Martin Perkis C.Eng., M.LC.E., formerly City Engineer. City of Winchester, beloved husband of the late Joy and dear father of Elizabeth. Funeral Service in Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday November 11th at 11.116 am. Family Bowers only. Donastions, if desired, to Ertitish Red Cross C/o Joo. Shed & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. Winchester.

ROSHEER - On November 2nd. after a short tilmess in the Middlesex Hospital. Edwina the Eastcott. Edwina the Eastcott. Formerly of Probus, Cornwall. Beloved wife of Donald and mother of Keifn and Andrew. Frammal Service at Tumbridge Wells Crematorium. Tuesday November 10th at 10 am. A short service will be haid at Si Bobtigh's Parish Church. Chevening, near Sevenoeis, Kent. on Thursday November 12th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries to W. Hodges & Co. (0732) 454457.

SAINSBURY - On November 2nd 1992, peacefully in a hasplor in Rochdale, Ben Stewart, F.R.I.C.S. Desriy loved husband of Mary. Much loved father of David and Paul, Father-in-law to Ann and Chris. Greatly missed grandlather of Peter. Robert and Thuothy, Service in Bamford Chapel. Rochdale, on Thursday November 5th at 9.45 am Robert and Timothy, Service in Bamford Chapel, Rochdele, on Thursday November 5th at 9.45 an prior to committed at Rochdele Committed Co

SHEARING - On Saturday October 31st 1992, suddenly but peacefully, at home, Pathicia Helen (née Vane), sped 74 years, cradied in the arms of her very loving lushand Hubert, for 50 years, the adored mother of Jane Parsons and Care Hall, their devoted husbands Paul and Nigel and grandchildren Surah (deceased). James, Edward, William and twins Charlotte and Christopher Hall, by whom affectionsleby known as "Grandma"

known as 'Grandma Bubbles'. Patricia brightened the lives of so many and will be so remembered. At rest in Church 4 ann Wednesday November 4th. Requiem, St. Peter's Church. Portland Road. Hove. at 10 am Thursday November 5th and Catholic Burial Service at St. Thomas of Camberbury. Headcorn and Smarden Certoetery. Kent. 6to be with Sarah) at 12.30 pm to 1 pm. to which all family and friends are twited. Flowers and enquiries to Attree & Kent tel: (0275) 821985 or charity donations to Leutaenia Research if wished. SOUTHOM - On October 31st. peacefully in Edenbridge Hospital, after a short filmes. Robert Alfred. saged 95, of Limpstield Chart. Surrey. Lifetime member of the RHS. Dearly missed by his wife. Jamily and friends. Funeral Service to be held at St. Peter's. Limpsfield, on Monday November 9th at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Tunishridge Wells Crematorium, at 12 moon. Flowers to Ebbutt Funeral Services. High Street. Limpsfield. Oxidat, Surrey. WISSELY - On November 1st. 1992. William Reid of Ury. Stonelarven, aged 82 years. Beloved Instand of Diana Gringlan Martin. Formerty of William Grandpa of Resauce and William. Grandpa of Resauce and William Grandpa of Resauce and William Grandpa of Resauce and William Martin. Formerty of William Reid of Ury. Stonelarven, aged 82 years. Chairman Martin. Formerty of William Reid of Ury. Stonelarven, aged 82 years. Grandpa of Resauce and William Martin. Formerty of William Reid of Ury. Stonelarven, aged 82 years. Chairman Martin. Formerty of William Reid of Ury. Stonelarven, aged 82 years. Chairman Martin. Formerty of William Reid of Ury. Stonelarven, aged 82 years. Chairman Wisely & Sam. Chairman Wisely Research Portant of the Milliam Wisely Vascular Research Pund. On November 1st.

peacetally at home, Jean, aged 85, widow of H.D. Zhman, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private, Friends welcome to attend seriour's Church. Elon Road. on Sunday November 15th at 11 am. 11 am. MEMORIAL SERVICES KENNARD - A Thimbagiving Service for the title of William Hurbrow Kammard will be held on Fridary December 4th at 2.30 pec at S. Thomas' Church, Salisbury.

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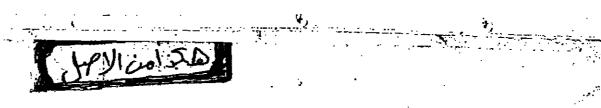
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Hal Roach, one of the founders of American screen comedy and the man who made stars of Laurel and Hardy, died at his home in Bel-Air, California, on October 2 aged 100. He was born in Elmira, New York, on

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Table To Manager

The name of Hal Roach will always be linked with that of Mack Sennett as the twin American masters of the short, slapstick comedy on which the early silent screen was reared and so brilliantly thrived. He was the man who launched Harold Lloyd on his comedy career and who later discovered and developed - the team of Laurel and Hardy.

January 14, 1892.

As a man and as a comedian he had much in common with Oliver Hardy. Both were big men, with an immense and zestful appreciation of life. Roach had the ideas and the enthusiasm: the amiable, easy-going Hardy put them into execution. And behind them always was the careful, industrious and painstaking Laurel to organise and control. As a trio they were born into exactly the right era and were ideally matched. Together they made millions laugh all over the world in the days of the silents when there was no language barrier.
But Roach, and Laurel and Hardy,

had no trouble in adjusting to sound, whether it was in films such as The Bohemian Girl (a long way after Balle's opera) or in Way Out West, which some would consider as their best picture. At the age of 99, staying with show business to the last. Roach was in London exactly a year ago to promote the colour version of that latter film. Colour, he reckoned, might help the video sales, but he doubted whether the laughs would come any faster.

al Eugene Roach was born four days before Oliver Har-dy. He started earning his living at the age of 17 selling ice-cream before going into the trucking business — mixed with a little goldprospecting - in Alaska. He gravitated down to Seattle and later Los Angeles, and there took up work as a cowboy extra with the Universal Company. Here, in 1913, he met a fellow extra named Harold Lloyd, and together they discussed and observed the methods of the growing industry of film-production. Roach had ambitions to become a producer and a sudden windfall of \$3,000

enabled him to realize it. He hired a house in Los Angeles and made it his office, turning its backyard into a studio. Harold Lloyd was employed at three dollars a day as the star comedian of the company. Only one problem seemed to remain:

HAL ROACH



Roach and, right, Laurel and Hardy in - Way Out West

how to compete with Charlie Chaplin, then rapidly reaching his peak as the greatest of all screen comedians?
First Lloyd appeared as a character
named "Willie Work", then as
another called "Lonesome Luke". He

was mildly funny as each but presented no challenge to Chaplin. But in 1917 Roach, on a shopping expedition in Los Angeles, bought Lloyd a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles, and from that moment neither ever really looked back. Another star was born, even though he was destined always to be number two to Chaplin.

Roach soon revealed his great qualities as a comedy producer. He had an inventive mind — and he could recognize talent. He started the highly popular Our Gang comedies after watching the performance of a little negro boy in another series, and he encouraged comedians such as Will Rogers. Stan Laurel he had discovered as early as 1918 and he used him from then on in a number of short cornedies.

By the early 1920s Hal Roach had moved his studio to an imposing site in Culver City, and was well established, although still not as successful as Mack Sennett. As a producer of comedy he was excellent as a businessman he was less so. This deficiency was offset by the inclusion in his team of an organising producer named Dick Jones, a former production chief with Mack Sennett. By the mid-1920s the studio was highly efficient - but was still seeking major connedy stars of the calibre of Chaplin or Keaton. Lloyd had left the lold some years earlier, and there was a period when Roach even tried to make comedians out of animals. Stan Laurel was still with him, working as

a gag-writer, producer and comedy man. Hardy also started working for Roach about this time, and they came together almost in a desultory fashion for some time after without making any impact.

authorised the filming of a dy called The Battle of the Century. in which it was decided to establish an all-time world record for throwing custard pies (the record still stands). It proved to be one of the great comedy shorts of film history, and the Laurel and Hardy team had arrived. By 1928 they were world famous.

Roach films were now being re-leased through MGM, and it is significant that when he loaned his two stars to this company they lost some of their spontaneity.

Laurel and Hardy - and especially Laurel - were as necessary to Hal Roach as he was to them. Roach had the imagination, in the first place, to see them as a team, and the comic inventiveness to provide them with numberless outline ideas for comedy routines; but he lacked the ability to plan these routines in detail by himself. He gave them their head partly out of respect for their work but also partly out of laziness. But by allowing them complete freedom before the cameras Roach played a vital part in the development of the Laurel and Hardy team.

As Hal Roach's business empire developed and, with it, his own

business acumen, he lost touch perhaps inevitably - with their world of child-like simplicity. And the similarity between Roach and Oliver Hardy grew less as each grew older. All the same Roach continued to direct the team's screen career throughout the 1930s, right up to Saps at Sea (1940) and the period including some of their greatest triumphs.

Under Roach's direction, they first made the transition to talkies with unexpected ease, their voices proving a happy match to the visual appearance and the characters they normally played. Among the early talking two-reelers was The Music Box, a tale of classic simplicity in which the boys simply (or not so simply) have to get a player piano up a long flight of steps: it remained, for many, the height of their art. They did scarcely less well in features. Way Out West (1937), which takes the boys along the track trodden by so many comics, to the Wild West, occupies rather the same place in the hierarchy of their features that The Music Box does among their

Devoted though Roach was to Laurel and Hardy, his activities were by no means confined to them. In the mid-1930s he embarked on a series of feature productions developing a quite different style of comedy and sometimes forsaking laughs altogether. He had a big success in 1937 with the screwball comedy Topper, about an amiable and unfrightening ghost, and repeated it with the sequel,

Topper Takes a Trip. In 1939 he ventured in a very different direction, producing an effective version of John Steinbeck's gloomy heavy-weight Of Mice and Men, directed by Lewis Milestone, and the following year he attempted to work with an even grander director, none other than D. W. Griffith, on One Million BC, a remake of a silent Griffith movie.

For reasons which remain obscure, Griffith, in the end, worked in no more than a loose advisory capacity. and the film was directed by Roach in tandem with his son Hal Roach, Jnr. It turned out to be a lot of rather jolly nonsense about the ways of primitive man but it effectively launched the starring careers of Victor Mature and the ill-fated Carole Landis.

During the war Colonel Hal Roach served with distinction, producing training films for the army and air force, and afterwards returned to Hollywood, where he rapidly turned his attention from theatrical features to television, being among the first major producers to see the potential of the new medium.

There was a place for Hal Roach in the modernised, highly-efficient post-war world of Hollywood in the

But the real world for Hal Roach, as for Stan and for Ollie, was the late Twenties - the golden era of film comedy. Then a custard pie was thrown without sophistication and without malice, and without any undertones of social significance.

DR DAVID **WIDGERY**

Dr David Widgery, author, polemicist and general practitioner, died in an accident at his home in the East End on October 26 aged 45. He was born in London on April 17, 1947.

DAVID Widgery was a considerable power and influence as a polemical journalist and writer in the late 1960s and throughout the 1970s in what might be described as "acid land", the country of the druggy so-called counter culture. As one of the group of young writers who created the underground press, he was a firebrand contributor - somewhat influenced in his prose by Tom Wolfe's "New Journalism" - to such radical publications as Oz, which he was later to edit, and INK. He moved on to Time Out and City Limits.

Soon this least doctrinaire of men was to write regularly for more didactic organs of the Left such as New Statesman. Socialist Review, International Socialism and New Society. By 1985 he was contributing, with a piece on John Lennon, to the London Review of Books.

Some of his chunkiest pieces were reprinted in Preserving Disorder: Selected Essays 1966-88 (1989), a vivid collection which is both autobiography and portrait of an era. They range in subject matter from Sylvia Pankhurst to Jack Kerouac: from Bessie Smith and Billie Holliday to Vladimir Mayakovsky; from gay politics through racism to the Oz trial: from Chuck Berry to Margaret Thatcher. On the latter he wrote: "It was apparent before she entered office that Mrs Thatcher represented a more traditional and class-conscious Conservatism than the consensus Tories we had grown up with. It was also clear that she would provide severe problems for the ineffectual and ill-officered Labour Party. So don't say we

didn't warn you. If Widgery had been only a talented and generous populariser of Marxist thinking there might have been little necessity to take cognisance of his opinions and responses to events. Prolific and passionate writer

though he was, he was essentially a committed medical doctor, and the experiences of his practice prompted his best writing. He was a GP for over 20 years in London's East End, latterly in the cold shadow of Canary Wharf.

His last and linest book Some Lives! A GP's East End (1991), pays tribute to his patients, many of whom were. in most senses, deprived, and more than a few of whom were Asians with, often, no command of English. This informed and angry, though compassionate book must now stand as David Widgery's memorial, a personal testa-ment in the eloquent liberal tradition of Mayhew and Or-well, Had Pelican Books still been with us, the paperback must surely have been part of that once essential list. Some Lives! is a poignant portrayal of the neglected East End. Widgery believed, both as

doctor and as writer, in the NHS, and wrote much about its idealism and its defects. often for the British Medical Journal. He tackled the subject in two other books: Health in Danger the crisis in the NHS (1979) and Bearing Time: Riot 'n' Race 'n' Rock 'n Roll (1986). Last year Widgery's and Michael Rosen's anthology. The Chatto Book of Dissent. was published.

Widgery and his wife, Juliet Ash, lost their second child in 1982 from Rhesus haemolytic disease. Widgery's response was to write a heart-rending essay which, as much as anything else, celebrated the care his daughter received from the NHS.



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... Work has since been proceeding

continuously and is going on all night in the endeavour to dig and blast out a deeper channel for the escaping flood in its proper bed of the River Porthlwyd. By this means it is hoped that the aluminium works will be freed from running water, and the work will have the further advantage of exposing the ground over which a roaring torrent several yards wide is still pouring. It is here, where the ruins of Machno-terrace lie, or in the line of the flood, where the missing bodies may be, but from what was visible today there seemed very little hope indeed of success in these efforts.

The largest part of Dolgarrog Village lies on the south side of the Porthlwyd stream, and the flood reached no nearer to it than the first large building, which was the Porthlwyo Hotel. Here the manager and manageress. Mr and Mrs Griffiths, and their two maids, made their escape with some little difficulty. They have had as a permanent resident there for many years Mr A M Williams, an official of the company, who was, fortunately for himself, out when the disaster occurred. Mr Williams's first intimution of the accident, like that of the others in the picture theatre, was a ion of dull roars. The fact that it was Monday night, when a new film was being presented, accounted for a full house, and this prevented the casualty list being larger.

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THE TIMES TODAY

THE US ELECTION

Record poll as Clinton celebrates

A record turnout of more than 100 million was expected as voters queued across America and Bill Clinton, ahead in every poll, claimed "a new future for the greatest country in the history of the human race"......Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 16

Home for the final reckoning

Mr Clinton spent the night at his campaign base in Little Rock, Arkansas, watching the electoral college votes pile up. He had returned there after a final 30 hours of campaigning which took him to eight states...

Bush stumble tells a tale

What George Bush has called "the most unpleasant year of my life" ended with a polling-day jog during which Mr Bush stumbled. He and wife voted early in Houston but an organised, upbeat, reception for them could not hide the gloom of his aides...

The Carter factor

Twelve years ago when the Reagan-Bush ticket came to power, the scene in America looked remarkably like today's. A discredited, weak president loses after a single term which saw his country beset with a stagnant economy and wracked with social malaise. The wheel turns full circle? Page 4

A year in the life of rhetoric

Sexual trysts, the President's children investigated, State Department officials dirtying their suits wading through dusty files on Bill Clinton's mother...yes, that was the campaign that was. A year of excrutiating moments provoking everything from laughter to tearsPage 2

Clinton's hole history?

In the living-room wall of Bill Clinton's childhood home in Arkansas there was a bullet hole, caused when his stepfather returned home drunk and angry one night and fired a gun. In a rare confessional moment the Democrat presidential candidate once said: "I had to live with that bullet hole, look at it every day."...

Alma mater ready to go public

The dons of University College, Oxford, will breakfast this morning to celebrate the most powerful man in the western world being one of theirs. For months, the 13th century college has been besieged by enquiries from around the world about Bill Clinton.

How Bush lost to the press

Anthony Howard: At least twice last week George Bush had to plead with crowds of loyal Republicans not to take their resentments out on the press corps. Active antagonism towards both newspapers and television - "annoy the media, Re-elect George Bush" - has characterised the

Gore: the robot that loosened up

Kate Muir on Al Gore: Critics suggested he was built by robots, so smooth was his countenance, so wooden were his speeches. But the gruelling days and nights on the stump melted his stiffness, and the final months have been characterised by pit-bullish, crowd-rousing attacks Page 3

Say, did I say that?

Who said about whom: "He doesn't seem to stand for anything". And when Bill Clinton described Mario Cuomo as "a mean son-of-a-bitch who acts like a mafioso" was he talking to his wife, or Gennifer Flowers?



Julia Somerville and fellow newsreader Trevor McDonald on her return yesterday to ITN three months after a brain tumour operation

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Major hits back at Bangemann

NEWS

John Major was last night battling to avoid defeat in tonight's Commons vote on Maastricht after angrily denouncing as silly and illinformed the claim of Herr Martin Bangemann, a senior European commissioner, that the treaty was a milestone on the road to a federal Europe _____Pages 1,6,16,17 Hospitals to go: Three of the four London teaching hospitals earmarked for dosure have unexpectedly accepted the Tomlinson proposals, which could lead to the loss of thousands of beds and widespread redundancies.... Page 8 UN setback: In what could be a fatal blow for the United Nations peace plan for Cambodia, Phnom Penh has demanded an end to the disarming of the four Cambodian Page 12 Two freed: Two of three men accused of the manslaughter of teenage twin girls who died in a barn fire were acquitted on the direction of the judge at Bristol Crown . Page 8 Coma claim: Doctors are to make an unprecedented request that the courts declare them immune from prosecution for murder if they switch off the feeding system of a victim of the Hillsborough soccer crush who has been in a coma for three years Page 9

War in Slavonia: Serbia and Cro-

atia are moving towards a new

bloody war in Slavonia if the Serbs

crack down on the Albanian major-

....Page 11

Electrical link: Midlands Electricity is joining two other privatised companies, Southern and Eastern, to form Britain's third biggest electrical goods retailer Page 23 Markets: Shares rose strongly, the FTSE-100 closing 17.8 up at 2,705.6. The pound rose 2.32pf to DM2.4278, and 1.68c to

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Into Europe: Leeds United and Rangers tonight battle to take Britain's flag into Europe - and collect £4 million en route Page 40 Into Britain: The Springboks open the British part of their tour by taking on Midland Page 36

Multi-faceted: Tom Phillips, British multi-media artist, interviewed about his shows at Royal Academy and National Art Library at V&A; National Gallery exhibition exploring theme of St Jerome, 4th century saint phenomenally popular with Renaissance artists (30 examples in the NG alone) Page 29 Music: Cliff Richard, spry if not quite as young as ever, at Wembley Arena; ; "Queen of the Blues". singer Etta James, exhilerating African singer Baba Maal .. Page 30 Theatre: No Man's Land: Pinter in

Pinter at the Almeida (Benedict . Page 31 Nightingale) Television: Kinsey (BBC 1), start of a second series, Leigh Lawson as a Birmingham solicitor Page 31

News value: Selina Scott is tired of being mugged by the media, and has decided to strike back Page 28

Free for all: Leaseholders are watching as the bill that will allow them to buy their freeholds begin its journey through parliament. Rachel Kelly investigates what the changes will mean.....

Sets to thriff: The rock concert has come a long way since we were all thrilled to file into a plush Odeon and listen to our heroes in sminy grey suits. Joseph Connolly reports on rock stage sets Page 14

The feminist message that pornography leads to sexual attacks is backed by hard facts in a controversial new book, discussed in Dispatches on Channel 4 Listings, Page 39

SIMON JENKINS

Mr Major is doing something which I suspect is unprecedented in modern politics. He is defying the whips and exposing to possible catastrophe in the voting lobbies what should be an internal party argument... If he loses tonight, two years of torment ending in last month's desperate promise of a new start could be wasted Page 16 ALAN RYAN

Everyone on the right feels let down by Mr Bush's presidency. Enthusiasts for small government note that tax bills have risen, the deficit has grown, and Mr Bush has behaved like every other politician on the stump...... Page 16

Empty threats

Would a "no" vote tonight derail the Maastricht process, as has been claimed? Not at all If Labour's amendment wins the day, it would merely delay the ratification process in Britain until after the Edinburgh summit. That is a perfectly respectable desire Page 17

Irish shenanigans The Irish political class is girding

its loins for a wholly unwanted and unnecessary general election because one minister has called another a liar. The partners in Ireland's wobbling coalition stepped back from the brink vesterday...

A leaf from their book The Swedish Scrubber works with less than Scandinavian efficiency. The Austrian snake-grinder is not much better. In the good old days of steam, nature's automnal fall never slowed the measured pace of the clanking iron horse ... Page 17

Fifteen Tory backbenchers pledge their support to the prime minister for the vote on Maastricht, despite signing an early day motion five months ago calling for a fresh start in the EC.

Here is Bush on his way to the dustbin of history, cursed by Iraqi children ... whose milk and dreams he burned. He is falling in all senses - as a president of a state, as a representative of a party, as an agent for the Mossad (Israeli intelligence). He is collapsing comp-Al-Jumhuriya, Baghdad

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Lt Col Bob Stewart, CO of the Cheshires, vowed to bring help Tuzia as British troops took up posit-



Mick Newmarch, of the Prudential, said voluntary regulation was not working, and asked government to take direct control Page 21



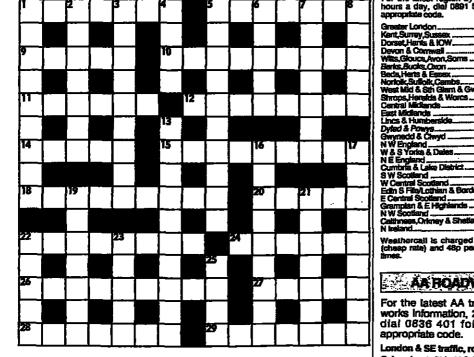
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England and Wales will be



Irish prime minister, whose government is its junior coalition partners delayed a decision to withdraw Page 6

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- One who's leaving, a man retiring before peak (7).
 Calm sea (7).
- 9 Racer who suffers a setback during the preliminaries (5).
- 10 The way an experienced head takes an opinion survey(5,4).

 11 Rogue I found in Dublin Bay (6).
- 12 Write off to a miser in need of reform (8). 14 Change from being fast and loose (5).
- 15 Where climbers go mad (2.3.4).
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- I Something that fails to impress on 5th November? (4,5).
- Brave man following unqualified driver in a tank (7).
- Tip appearing in paper laid out (5,4). Flower came up (4). Senior member of the House, a
- Conservative, precluding debate
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- Bring forth young student hiding in hollow (5).
- 13 Advisable, and fair too. (4,2,4).16 Confidentially, Reno usen't to be (iberal (5,4).
- 17 Exponent producing record with a noisy beat (9).

 19 Ignorant girl is given pottery (7).
- Bury for instance housed a number (7). 22 Effective under 100 or 200 yards
- 23 . . . perfunctory but satisfactory within ten (5).
- Shock when daring exploit is not fully achieved (4).

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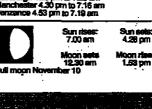
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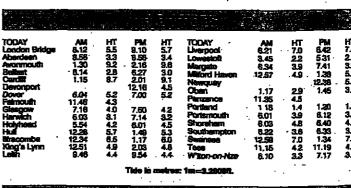
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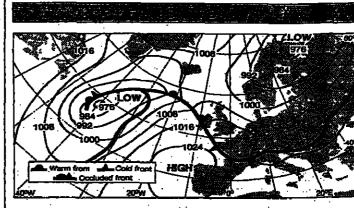
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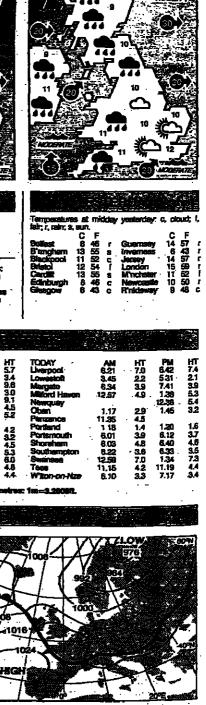


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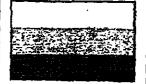
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Chancellor Kohl must dig up something better than vesterday's solutions to today's economic problems in Germany's "hour of truth" Page 25

EXPRESS WAY

Express Foods, one of Britain's biggest cheese suppliers, is being bought by its management for £96 million

SPARKS FLY



Dixons has sharply criticised an electrical goods retail joint enture formed by three electricity companies
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A second bidder is lining up for TVS Entertainment which loses its television franchise at the end of the year Pages 22 and 23

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House prices plummet 4% in two months

By Lindsay Cook

HOUSE prices fell 2.7 per cent during October, according to the Nationwide, the second largest building society. This follows the 1.4 per cent fall in prices reported by the society for September.

The figures indicate that prices, having fallen by more than 4 per cent over two months, are set to continue falling during November and December, traditionally had months. Lenders had hoped that the Halifax's fall of 3.1 per cent in September was an isolated figure.

John Wriglesworth, housing analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "September was clearly not a one-off. There is a very strong decline in the housing market ... this puts extra pressure on the government for an initiative to help the housing market. The fall in interest rates alone is not restoring confidence. A temporary measure to stimulate the market that could be withdrawn when the market begins to recover is needed."

Every fall in house prices brings more people into the housing debt trap. In the summer, the Council of Mortgage Lenders put the number of borrowers owing more than the value of the house at more than a million.

The Halifax figure for Octo-ber, to be published later today, will not be twice as bad as September's. It will show a "less sharp fall." said the argest mortgage lender.

ANOTHER big fall in Brit-

ain's underlying reserves last

month, after a record drop in

September, reinforced City

conviction that as much as £20

billion may have been deploy-

ed in the ill-fated attempt to

keep sterling in the European

Treasury figures showed

that underlying reserves of

gold and currency, the best

published pointer to inter-vention, fell \$3.02 billion last

month as the complex web of

central bank transactions lead-

ing up to September 16 -

Black Wednesday - contin-

ued to unwind. In September, the reserves fell \$7.79 billion.

The pound fared better yes-

terday after a bad start to the

week largely on worsening

market sentiment for the mark

amid mounting fears of reces-

sion in Germany. In a thin.

volatile market awaiting the

outcome of the American pres-

idential election and the Com-

mons vote on the Maastricht

treaty, sterling climbed to

exchange-rate mechanism.

Further falls in house prices confirm that consumer confidence is severely depressed, despite mortgage rates being cut in September and October

Tim Melville-Ross, chief executive of the Nationwide said: "I would expect when the Halifax publishes its figure for October it will mirror our September one and that both will show a two month fall of over 4 per cent."

In October, the average house price fell by £1,491 to £53,038 according to Nationwide. At the top of the market, in the third quarter of 1989, Nationwide reported the average house price as £66,179. The annual fall for Nation-

wide is 6.6 per cent. At the end of September, Halifax reported that the annual fall was 7.5 per cent. This is likely to have worsened in October. The difference in the two societies' figures for the two months is caused by the Nationwide taking approvals up to the 21st of the month, while the Halifax works on the calendar month. This meant Nationwide missed most of the uncertainty caused by Black Wednesday in its September figures. The October house price fall was the worst from the Nationwide since October 1990 when prices fell 3.7 per

Mr Melville-Ross said: "It is not good news and dramatically underlines the need for

Tumbling reserves signal

cost of Black Wednesday

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

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close, up more than 21, pfen-

nigs from Monday, despite

remarks by Bundesbank offici-

als seemingly intended to dampen hopes of any early

cut in German interest rates.

Against the rising dollar.

buoyed by the prospect of vic-

tory for Bill Clinton, the Dem-

ocrat contender, sterling

gained more than 14 cents to

\$1.5492 and added 0.5 to its

trade-weighted index to 78.4.

persistent money market ex-

pectations of a further cut in

base rates from the present 8

per cent. The benchmark

three-month interbank rate

points to 7 per cent, but some

forecasters now believe 6 per

The Treasury reserve figures

provided greater insight into the extent of the massive, but futile, intervention by the

Bank of England in Septem-

ber. Despite the further big

drop in October, currency

market analysts expect the re-

cent possible by Christmas.

The pound rose despite

the government to produce a package of housing market to be restored in the housing market and the economy."

Mongage rates will be at their lowest for 15 years from next month and, as wages have increased while prices have fallen, house prices are at their most affordable since 1971. But there is no incentive for first-time buyers, afraid prices will continue falling.

Last month, the govern-ment gave the go-ahead to building societies to make unsecured loans of up to £25,000 to help homebuyers caught in the debt trap to

Lenders, however, said this would only help small numbers as unsecured loan rates are about twice those of mortgages. Mortgage lenders have been campaigning for almost a year for a change to the morigage tax relief system to encourage buyers into the

They argue that a raising of the tax relief ceiling for new or first-time buyers could be offset by a reduction in the level of this relief for existing bor-

serve figures to continue to

show falls for several months,

as the full extent of interven-

tion is played out. The financial markets took little notice of

The Bank bought sterling at

spot market prices and as fixed

rates on forward contracts.

Special swaps and temporary

borrowing arrangements were

back with devalued sterling at

Midland Montagu, estimates

that the intervention, inclu-

ding Bundesbank lending yet

to be repaid, involved about

£20 billion. He puts the gov-emment's loss at about £1.5

billion, enough to cut almost a

full point off income tax.

Simon Briscoe, economist at

a considerable loss.

the October data.

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"Scrap self-regulatory bodies": Mick Newmarch wants direct government supervision of investment firms

Pru chief calls for British SEC

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

A CALL for the government to take over direct control of the regulation of investment firms was made last night by Mick Newmarch, chief executive of Prudential Corporation, the country's largest insurer and pension fund manager. This would involve scrap-

ping self-regulatory bodies such as the Securities and Investments Board and give Britain the equivalent of Amerwatchdog, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The voluntary regulation

Mr Newmarch in the Jubilee lecture to the Staple Inn Actuarial Society. "The Financial Services Act is an unsatisfactory basis for the adequate protection of savers. The implementation of the act was bold and well intentioned, but the government should now acknowledge that the experiment has failed and begin to organise investor protection on a fully statutory basis under direct government control."

The criticism came as the regulation of investment appears to be in disarray and the proposed merger of the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lau-tro) and the Financial Intermediaries. Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) and part of the membership of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) to form the Personal Investment Authority in jeopardy. The Clucas report recommended the formation of one organisation to regulate all personal

investment business but life

companies, banks and building societies are reluctant to pick up the compensation bill for failed Fimbra members. Mr Newmarch said: "It has

become apparent beyond reasonable doubt that PIA does not enjoy the support necessary in the industry to achieve its successful launch as the sole regulator of private investor business." He called for a committee of enquiry to establish how a fully statutory regime could operate.

The approach adopted by the Financial Services Act is harmful in two respects. It distances government from responsibility at the same time as denying practitioners effective control. The whole point of regulation is to protect consumers. This can only be achieved to a consistent, satisfactory level in the long run by a material improvement in operating standards across the The setting up of SIB was

unprecedented and it was now time to "face up to the fact that this approach has not worked and to revert to the conventional, proven statutory basis for regulation," he said.

Kit Jebens, chief executive of Lautro, which regulates the Processing Training an interesting analysis. Some parts we would agree with. I would not want to comment on it in detail."

A SIB spokeswoman said Lautro's record showed the life industry had a lot to answer for and that its regulator had been effective in stopping missale of investment products.

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Renewed fears of German recession

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

also made with other central banks. Total reserves have sion were fuelled vesterday by the most gloomy survey of been largely replenished since September 16. They stood at just over \$42 billion at the end business confidence for more of October. But foreign cur-rency has had to be bought than 10 years.

The survey, conducted by the German chambers of industry and commerce, indicated a sharp worsening of confidence over the past year. reflecting increasing scepticism about the international economic outlook, the prospect for exports and the government's economic policy. Only 22 per cent of respon-

dents in described the present situation as good, compared with twice Stock market, page 24

FEARS of a German recession were fuelled vesterday by ago, while 25 per cent said that situation was bad, compared with 11 per cent in 1991. Asked about their own businesses, 38 per cent of west German firms expected improvements in the next year, while 13 per cent expect a deterioration.

Franz Schoser, executive director of the chambers, said that 1993 would be a difficult year, "After the unification boom a recession can no longer be excluded."

German pessimism, page 23 Hard choices, page 25

Barclays castigated by deputy chairman

By NEIL BENNETT

SIR Peter Middleton, the deputy chairman of Barclays, has attacked his own bank for lacking strategic direction and failing to appreciate risk. The outburst comes as Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the bank's securities division where Sir Peter is chairman, forecast that the bank will report a loss of £65 million and will cut its dividend this year due to spiralling bad debt provisions.

In an interview in the December issue of Banking World. Sir Peter. who joined the bank a year ago from his post as permanent secretary to the Treasury, is deeply critical of Barclays and its management. "I do think the group was lacking a clear sense of direction. It had done well if you look back over the past five years. But when you are going well you tend to forget certain things." he said.

He also attacks the bank's recent reorganisation. "One thing I learnt in the Treasury was that reorganisations should generally be avoided. If you have a problem solve the problem.



Sir Peter: ex-Treasury mandarin

Don't change the organisation. If you do, you'll end up with two problems." he said. Later in the interview he concedes that the reorganisation. which split treasury operations away from the retail and corporate bank, has brought long-term benefits. Sir

Peter reserves his harshest comments for the bank's decision-making and risk management. The decision-making process I find somewhat difficult to understand. Decision making is a very difficult process." he said in a clear criticism of the board and senior

He claims that his own business at BZW is better at handling risk than the rest of the group. "Those in investment banking have a much clearer appreciation of risk than do those in domestic banking. The risk in domestic banking ... is extraordinarily difficult to assess. It is a long-term

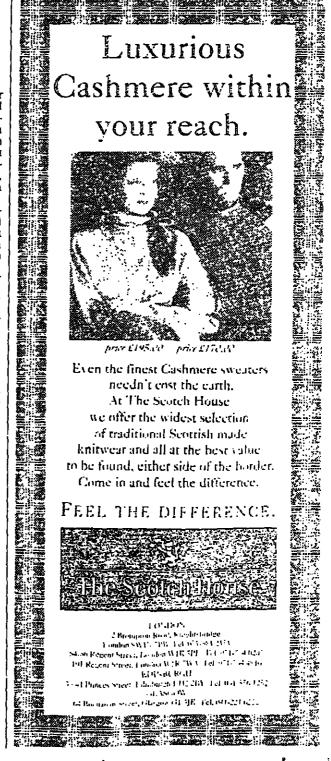
Sir Peter's remarks are likely to infuriate Andrew Buxton, the bank's chairman-elect. who, as managing director, ran the bank in the late eighties. When Sir Peter joined the bank last year he was widely expected to succeed Sir John Quinton as chairman. But the bank has decided instead to hand the roles of both chairman and chief executive to Mr Buxton.

Julian Robins, the bank analyst at BZW, yesterday cut his forecast for the

bank from a £305 million profit to a £65 million loss. He expects the bank to make record bad debt provisions of £2.4 billion this year due to the continuing deterioration of the British economy. This and the lack of any sign of recovery signs will force the bank to cut its final dividend by 58 per cent to just 5p. Robert Fleming also reduced its

profit forecast for the bank yesterday to £40 million after analysing company insolvency data from Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group. This shows that the rate of business failures is still rising and Barclays is suffering from heavy debts. particularly from the property and construction industries.

Barclays has been ravaged this year by the collapse of a succession of its largest customers, including Olympia & York and Mountleigh. The bank is aso being forced to organise expensive rescues for other companies such as Control Securities and Heron International. Pre-tax profits in the first half of the year sank by 87 per cent to £51 million as the domestic bank plunged to a £79 million loss.



TEMPUS

TIP Europe climbs slowly uphill

TIP Europe, headed by David Callear, is stuck in the crawler lane, according to the latest figures, with a long, uphill haul ahead. It is a year since the trailer rental group sought to level the gradient by raising £29 million through an HGV, five-for-six rights issue at 40p. Yesterday, the shares closed 1½p down at 31p. Progress, clearly, is slow. The rights issue brought belance sheet gearing down

The rights issue brought balance sheet gearing down from 353 per cent to 168 per cent, which, by the standards of the leasing industry, is modest. A year on, and gearing has edged down to 162 per cent. But with trading as flat as it is, that is enough to keep profits in first gear.

With the rights issue pro-

keep profits in first gear.

With the rights issue proceeds helping reduce the interest bill from £16.1 million to £14 million, pre-tax profits rose £6 million to £7.5 million, further assisted by a reduction in exceptional items covering rationalisation and restructuring. But, with the rights issue so significantly increasing the number of shares, earnings per share fell from 5.1p (4.2p after adjusting for the bonus element in the rights issue) to 3.9p. As a result the final dividend is cut

from 1.26p (restated as 1.05p) to 0.76p, for a total of 1.4p (1.82p adjusted to 1.52p).

With the company hanging on to rental increases in the home market, the British trailer rental operation encouragingly returned to profit. But there was a sharp fall in net profit from continental Europe from £8.5 million to £4.9 million, where a number of important markets are in. or heading for, recession.

Pre-tax profits of £9 million would put the shares on a p/e of eight. Probably high enough, given the uncertainties in Europe.

Thames Water

WATER shares are proving attractive at this stage of the economic cycle. They are not invulnerable to recession. Thames lost another 2.5 percent of metered volume in the first half to end-September, with virtually no offsetting cost saving, and volume losses will certainly not be regained until the economy has recovered substantially. Profits have still moved ahead, however, albeit by just 5 per cent to £124 million. Meanwhile, water shares still sell princi-

pally on their dividend yield, so they benefit immediately in relative terms when interest rates are tumbling.

Thames has increased its

Thames has increased its interim dividend by an inflation-bearing 8 per cent to 6.9p per share. The full year's payment should rise similarly, giving a safe prospective yield of 5.7 per cent at 484p. The recession is doing its worst, so remaining risk lies in environmental and financial regulation, and diversification.

Thames has slipped near the bottom of the water purity league because it bears the brunt of pesticide problems. These are being dealt with by new intensive treatment plants and prospectively by a similar filter technique in conventional treatment works. Abstraction from sensitive rivers will also be reduced by the ring main, now a year ahead of schedule, and a new water source.

Diversification is unimpressive but at an early stage, being readied to provide nonregulated profits when real dividend rises are harder to come by after the mid-term review. The basis Ofwat will use for that may become clearer next week. Meantime, Thames did an interesting deal with the regulator over reductions in permitted price rises up to 1995, under which it will absorb more risk on construction and energy costs and commercial rates.

This agreement will also be written permanently into its financial regime after the review, in exchange for some unspecified allowance on the cost of capital. That looks a good deal for a management that is competent at coping quickly with changing conditions. The shares offer value but Ofwat revelations could cause a short-term shock.

TVS

TVS Entertainment, now being stalked by Pat Robertson, the American television evangelist, is the Lazarus of the media sector. In March, the shares were 34p and the group apparently had nothing to look forward to beyond the last nine months of its current broadcasting franchise. Shareholders could now have the unimagined luxury of choosing between two possible approaches

sible approaches.
Mr Robertson's offer was for 23p cash or shares in his

NYSE-quoted International Family Entertainment. A second potential approach, from an unmarned third party, said to be a New York entertainments business with the backing of a big American financial institution, sent the shares no 34n to 25n.

shares up 34 p to 25p. Assessing a fair price for TVS, whose main assets are its hard-to-value catalogue of programmes, is a thankless task. Four years ago, investment bankers decided the MTM business alone was worth \$320 million, for example. But Vighnesh Padiachy. at BZW, has reached a tentative figure of £41 million, comprising fixed assets of £7 million, a British programme library worth £2 million, expected net cash in the bank at the end of the year of £12 million and £20 million for MTM. This last figure is conservative, given that Disney was sniffing around at

\$70 million not long ago.
Mr Robertson is offering just £38 million. His formal offer document is imminent but he cannot take control until Jamuary 1. After the rise in the dollar he can now afford to bid more. Shareholders should stick around.

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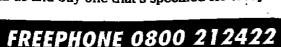
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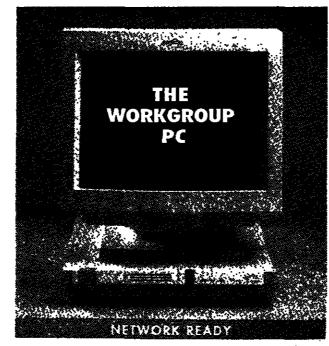
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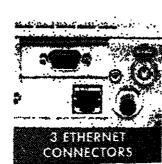
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC investigates BA's stake in TAT

THE European Commission has begun a preliminary investigation of British Airways' purchase of a 49.9 per cent stake in TAT, the regional French airline. Although the deal, which would give TAT the financial clout to be the first serious domestic rival to Air France, could have farreaching consequences for the Community's airline industry. Brussels is thought unlikely to pursue an enquiry.

BA's route into the French market follows events in which Air France has tried to strengthen its position, but has had to make concessions to satisfy the commission. The first was last year, when Air France took over UTA, the French domestic carrier, and acquired majority control of Air Interanother French airline. Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, gave the go-ahead to the deal on the condition that Air France sold TAT, its domestic distinct.

Moore to chair Quicks

MICHAEL Moore, 56, is to be the first person from outside the Quick family to chair Quicks, a Manchester-based vehicle and parts company. He has joined the board and will take over as chairman from Norman Quick, who retires at the end of the year and becomes life president. Mr Moore is chairman of Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate embroiled in a takeover battle with Hanson for Ranks Hovis McDougall He is also chairman of the Bank of Edinburgh Group and of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Institutes may merge

THE Securities Institute, the body set by the London Stock Exchange in January to represent the interests of individual stockbrokers, is to hold merger talks with the professional association for investment analysis. The two organisations have agreed to set up a working party, which will meet this month. The analysis association is known as the Institute of Investment Management and Research (IIMR), having changed its name from the Society of Investment Analysis

Frederick Cooper slips

FREDERICK Cooper, the architectural hardware, specialist coatings and electrical products group, made pre-tax profits of £3.4 million (£3.9 million) in the year to end-July. Profits were affected by an exceptional cost of £165.000, which arose from surpluses on the winding up of pensions schemes and profits from the disposal of property less the costs associated with further rationalisation. Fully diluted earnings per share were 5.1p (6p). A final dividend of 0.5p (2.5p) a share makes a total for the year of 2p (4p).

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Adidas sale planned

PLANS to sell Adidas, the German sportswear firm, are likely to be announced soon, a spokesman for Credit Lyonnais, the French bank, said. The bank's Clinvest unit holds a 10 per cent stake in Bernard Tapie Finance, which has 95 per cent of Adidas. The spokesman said several plans were being studied and that a choice may be made as early as this week. It has been reported that Bernard Tapie, the French businessman, may sell out of Bernard Tapie.

Kenwood buys in HK

KENWOOD, the electrical consumer goods company, announced a £3.1 million deal to buy Tricom, based in Hong Kong, which makes kitchen appliances such as coffeemakers and kettles. Kenwood, which was floated on the stock market in June, wants to increase sales to the Chinese market. The company also has an option to buy a 50-year lease on Tricom's factory in Guangdong province, close to the Shenzhen special economic zone in southern China, for £800,000.

Coopers refutes suit

COOPERS & Lybrand has refuted a lawsuit filed by Corporate Partners LP against it, David Shapira, chief executive of embattled Phar-Mor Inc. and Giant Eagle Inc. a supermarket chain. The suit, filed in an Ohio federal court, seeks at least \$200 million in damages, alleging that Coopers violated accounting principles in its annual audit of Phar-Mor. The accountant said the allegations "are old news, contrary to the facts and have been refuted previously".

Nestlé and DFI link

DAIRY Farm International Holdings has signed an agreement with Nestlé to set up a joint venture company to make and distribute ice cream and chilled products in Hong Kong and China. Nestlé will pay HK\$1.25 billion (£104.6 million) in cash for the Dairy Farm trademarks and 51 per cent of Dairy Farm's manufacturing interests. Dairy Farm will use the proceeds as working capital and for reinvestment.

DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

MIDLANDS Electricity is

joining the joint venture formed by two other regional

electricity companies, Eastern and Southern, to create the

third biggest retailer of electri-cal goods in Britain.

The move was sharply criti-

cised by Dixons Group, which

is calling for an investigation

of the regional companies by

the Office of Fair Trading.

The companies are increas-

ingly merging their retail busi-

nesses, and Dixons claims

they enjoy an unfair competi-

tive advantage on the high

chain, is the biggest seller of electrical goods in Britain.

TVS Entertainment, the ITV

contractor that will lose its

franchise to broadcast to the

South of England at the end of

the year, has announced a second possible bid approach.

TVS has agreed a £38 million offer from a company

controlled by Pat Robertson.

the American television evan-

gelist and one-time presiden-

tial candidate Rudolph

Agnew, the chairman, said the

second approach, from an

unnamed party, might or might not result in an alterna-

TVS shares rose 32p to

25p. Reports suggested that a

New York entertainment com-

pany was considering a bid, with the backing of TCW Capital, part of Trust Com-

Mr Robertson's Interna-

tional Family Entertainment is offering 23p a share cash and 43p for TVS preference

shareholders. Any other bid-

der faces a difficult task, as

investors speaking for 31 per cent of the shares have irrevo-

cably accepted that offer.

Mr Robertson's offer has,

however, run into opposition from preference shareholders.

Julian Treger, adviser to a

group of preference holders.

said they would rank ahead of

ordinary shareholders if the

company went into liquida-

tion. That offered them the

chance of repayment of the El

par value and a further 10p of

accrued interest, substantially

more than the cash on offer

pany of the West.

Dixons, including its Currys

Second potential

bidder for TVS

By OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

Midlands joins

power suppliers'

retailing venture

followed by Comet, which is

owned by the Kingfisher group. The arrival of Mid-

lands as the third partner in E&S Retail, however, will

create a company with com-bined sales of £250 million

and increase the number of

cise an option to join the other two at the weekend, as the

option period expired. The

company said almost all the

800 or so staff employed

from International Family

□ Rudolph Agnew has re-

signed as chairman of Explaura Holdings, a USM-quoted group with a vast limestone quarry in New-foundland as its main asset.

just over a year after taking the

post. Mr Agnew and David

Singleton have stepped down

to avoid a potential conflict of interest with Federated Aggre-

gates, a vehicle they control. David Finch, chairman until July 1991, returns to the post.

loss of El.7 million (El.3

million) in the six months to

June 30. The loss per share is an unchanged 1.15p. No dividend is payable (nil). Kid-der, Peabody International is

advising on the company's

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strategic options.

Explaura made a pre-tax

Midlands decided to exer-

shops from 229 to 311.

Electricity distribution companies may

street by subsidising sales of electrical

be providing unfair competition in the high

goods with profits from regulated operations

directly would be transferred

to the joint venture but there

might be job losses among

Mark Souhami, deputy chairman of Dixons, said the

company would have complet-

ed its submission to the OFT by the end of the year. This will claim that the electricity

industry's retail businesses en-

joy an unfair advantage

because they have the support

of the lucrative core business of electricity supply and distribu-tion while remaining them-

selves only marginally

profitable.
This advantage is increased by retail mergers in the industry, which offer savings in overheads and increased buy-

ing power, Dixons claims.

The electricity companies have always denied subsidising their retail businesses out

of profits generated by their

But Mr Souhami said the

retail businesses of Eastern and Midlands had lost more

than £14 million between them in the last financial year,

while those of Southern had

been marginally profitable. That did not take account of

interest costs that were in-

curred by retail and charged to

the group as a whole.

"The implication is that they must be making substantially more money than can be justified on electricity supply."

he said. That's the only way

you can continue an expan-

A spokesman for Midlands said the OFT held no fears for the business. "We're entirely

confident that we're compet-

ing fairly. We have good

names and good brands, and

we will have a better buying

policy and reduced overheads.

Midlands retailing is prof-

itable by itself and has always

been run as a separately accounted company. But it

obviously is encouraging if the opposition is getting worried."
He refused to discuss the

market share of the joint

venture for "commercial rea-

sons". But Dixons believes the

regional electricity companies

enjoy about 10 per cent in their respective regions, while their concentration on white

goods such as cookers and

washing machines would give

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Cheddar gorge: Roger Davenport celebrates the sale

have a go'. We've put in enough money for us to be keen for it to work without losing sleep at night. We're not rich people. It's a matter company's 1,700 employees have no need to panie. "We're not going to sack hundreds of of hundreds of thousands of pounds rather than millions." He turned for advice to Simon Oliver, a cheese trader people; we're not going to hive off parts of the business." who provides packaged cheese A flotation may follow eventufor big food stores. He has ally, but raising profits is the

clude Bob Trott, retail & industrial director and deputy managing director, Jim Murphy, commercial and operations director, and Andrew

Leigh, finance director.

The deal was backed by Electra Kingsway, a fund management group specialis-

ing in private equity invest-ments. Electra has taken a 60 per cent stake and Prudential Venture Capital 20 per cent. Bank of Tokyo advised. The deal has been funded through £45 million loans and £51 million equity investment.

30 biggest foods companies in the UK with a turnover of £270 million. Trading profits last year were approximately £13 million. It is one of the main suppliers of cheeses to stores such as Marks and Spencer, and its catering arm supplies cheese to hotels, hospitals and restaurants.

The company is the last part of GrandMet's dairy empire to be sold off under a divestment programme. Express Dairy and Eden Vale were sold to Northern Foods in February for £359 million. Waterfood Foods and Carbery Creameries bought the Irish businesses for Ir£99 million in July. The sale of the Express interests has raised close to £550 million.



Raising the profit level: Mike Hoffman, chief executive, (left) and Sir Roy Watts, chairman, after announcing results yesterday

Thames Water makes 5% gain

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

THAMES Water raised its pre-tax profits 5 per cent to £124 million in the six months to end-September. Sir Roy Watts, the chairman, said strong management and improved efficiency had offset the effects of recession. The inter-im dividend is increased 8 per cent to 6.9p from earnings that rose 6 per cent to 30.1p. helped by many shareholders taking their dividends in

shares rather than cash. The volume of metered water sales, which had dropped 4.5 per cent in the year to end March, fell 2.5 per cent in the latter months of the first half, coming straight out of profits. Turnover of the main utility business gained 8 per cent to £395 million but operating costs rose only 3.2 per cent to £260 million, mostly due to higher depreciation.

Recent rains have helped water supplies, leaving reservoirs full and increasing the level of underground water. The recession hit property

sales, which produced only £2 million income, down from £6 million a year ago. Thames has held on to properties rather than take depressed

Progress of the unregulated water engineering businesses, principally the PWT water engineering group, was also slowed owing to shortage of domestic orders. Overall, the non-core businesses made only £0.7 million pre-tax profit from £123 million of turnover in the first half after financing costs. Mike Hoffman, the chief executive, said this was mainly due to the build up of activities, including spending on an application to manage the Buenos Aires water system, where Thames hopes to be on a shortlist of two announced this week. Acquisitions in America and east Germany have also incurred

earty losses. Sir Roy said the agreement reached with Ofwat to reduce price limits until 1995 and to remove some variation clauses in its licence had brought security and stability.

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Survey highlights extent of German business gloom

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business correspondent

GERMAN companies are more pessimistic now than at any time in the past ten years. according to a survey by the German Federation of Chambers of Commerce (DIHT). The survey results provide yet another indication that Europe's largest economy is about to slide into recession.

The report coincided with more bad economic news. In Bonn, Theo Waigel, finance minister, admitted the economic slowdown would take its toll on public finances, which will lead to an increase of the federal budget deficit by DM6 billion to DM44 billion next year, because of lowerthan-expected tax revenues.

In Leipzig, Helmut Schle-

singer, president of the Bundesbank, gave warning against expectations of further interest rate cuts. He said reductions would depend on wage moderation and prudent fiscal policies. "Both of these factors will create room to manoeuvre in monetary policy in the future," he said.

That means that we can buy things more cheaply than would otherwise have been the case and there is as a result a certain calming on the domes-tic price front." He gave warning that the

German economy could not sustain wages rising 5 per cent or more while productivity is only growing at 1 per cent. Yesterday's DIHT survey of

25,000 German companies gave an inkling of the pessi mism that has permeated German industry. One third of respondents said they would shed staff and reduce investments over the next year. The number of respondents who described the economic situation as good halved in the course of a year to 22 per cent.

"Prices continue to rise, state debt is steadily increasing, an increase in value-added tax has been decided and there are fears of an additional tax burden. There is no sign of an early return to consolidation and stability," the survey

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Powerscreen profits rise bucks trend

POWERSCREEN International, the maker of screening and crushing equipment, has defied the worldwide recession to report an 18 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £11.2 million in the six months to end-September.

The company gave a warning, however, that the second half could be tough. Helped by strong improvements in the American and Far Eastern markets, turnover rose 22 per cent to £51.3 million.

The company believes that its wide geographical spread of markets, broad customer base and product range appli-cation, will enable it to meet its targets for the year to March

The interim dividend is increased to 1.8p (1.7p).

Heseltine's industry warning

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

ANY failure by Parliament to give a clear signal that Britain will remain "at the centre of Europe" would be deeply damaging to British industry. improved markedly. Michael Heseltine, the trade

secretary, said. His warning, issued on the eve of today's debate over ratification of the Maastrict treaty on European union, echoes calls from leading in-dustrialists for MPs to demonstrate Britain's commitment to the single market.

Mr Heseltine passed up the

opportunity to clarify his pos-ition on industrial intervention or to unveil any new policy initiatives. Those must wait for the Chancellor's Autumn Statement next week, he said. However, responding to a call from the Confederation of British Industry for a part-

By JON ASHWORTH

ROGER Davenport, manag-

nership with industry, Mr Heselune said relationships between his department and business leaders had already

Speaking on industrial poli-

cy to the Institute of Fiscal Studies in London, Mr Heseltine acknowledged the problems posed by a lack of confidence in Britain's economy. He also insisted there was no short cut to competitive-ness, and that he would maintain his emphasis on supply-

Mr Heseltine re-emphasised the internal reforms be has undertaken at the trade and industry department, including establishing a competitiveness unit, and improving the department's services to industry. But DTI spending ac-counted for only a fraction of

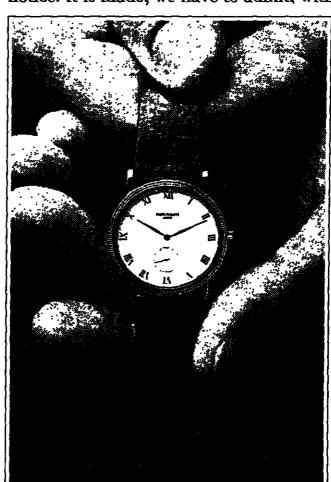
government spending, and could never provide the incentive needed to revive Britain's economy. Rather, he had been working in private to ensure other departments acted in the best interests of industry. Such things were better done with-

out publicity, he said. Mr Heseltine promised an early announcement on new measures to lift burdens on business. He planned to launch a market-by-market review of British industry's

export performance. In his speech, Mr Heseltine said it was impossible to overstate the importance of the European market if we are going to secure the restoration of confidence in the British

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Property firm skips final dividend

By MATTHEW BOND

SCOTTISH Metropolitan Property has confirmed that net assets per share tumbled from 145.4p to 113.8p during the year to August 15.

The company first gave warning of the fall five weeks ago, when it announced that the 2.9p final dividend forecast at the time of April's interims would not be paid. As a result, the total dividend stays at the interim level of 1.5p (4.4p).
Scott Cairns, managing di-

rector, said the board expected to be able to maintain the total dividend at that level in the current year.

Pre-tax losses were cut from £8.4 million to £490,000, despite a big reduction in the amount of interest capitalised. Of the group's total interest bill of £21.6 million, only £860.000 was added to the cost of development properties held in the balance sheet, compared with £8.9 million the year before. The previous year's losses were struck after an £11.6 million exceptional item covering property write-

downs and bank fees. Helped by £31.8 million of property sales, borrowings fell from £201 million to £170

About £104 million of this debt is the subject of a facilities agreement reached with the group's banks last year and due to expire in 12 months. The debt compares with net assets of £111 million.

An external valuation by Bernard Thorpe revealed that the value of the group's investment properties had fallen 8.3 per cent to £286 million. Bernard Thorpe estimated the total rental value of the portfolio at £31 million a year. This compares with an actual rent roll of £22.6 million, a 16.2 per cent advance on last year. The group's unlet space could produce additional rents of £5.9 million a year, if tenants

could be found. Mr Cairns indicated that letting vacant properties and reducing borrowings through a programme of property sales were the company's top

STOCK MARKET

Rate cut hopes help push shares back above 2,700

American as well as British investors, as dealers looked for another base rate cut, combined with continuing stock shortages to push shares in London above 2,700 for the first time in more than five

enced by futures, but shares were also lifted by the expecta-tion that Bill Clinton would win the US presidential elec-tion and provide a boost to the American economy. Clinton is perceived as progrowth," said Peter Cart-wright, at Williams de Broë.

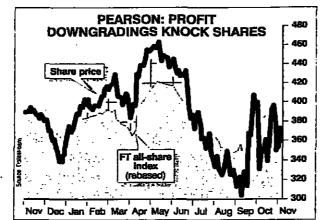
The FT-SE 100 index made an early 25.6 point advance. It strong overnight performance, a late buy programme on Monday and renewed pressure for lower interest rates following Nationwide's evidence that house prices fell again in October. Prices were also squeezed higher by continued bear covering. "It's difficult to buy anything." said one senior trader.

However, shares fell back, unsettled by nerves ahead of today's Commons vote on Maastricht and October's bigger-than-expected £3 billion fall in Britain's reserves.

An uncertain start on Wall Street did little to lift sentiment in London. But the FT-SE index still managed to finish above the 2,700 level, closing up 17.8 at 2,705.6 — just 32 points away from May's alltime closing high of 2,737.8. Volume reached a relatively healthy 586.6 million shares.

The feeling in the market is that shares can go higher if there are no nasty surprises. If the market holds the latest gains, it might attract another wave of interest from institutions, many of which are approaching their year ends and will want to adjust their

Dollar-earners enjoyed some of the best gains. Glaxo. which was also boosted by American buying from Wertheim Schroder and reports of a Strauss buy recom-



mendation, saw the shares up 15p to 835p. Others moving higher included SmithKline Beecham 'A', up 1 lp to 540p, ICI. 24p better to £10.60. BOC. 16p stronger at 723p and Wellcome, 12p higher at 993p. Grand Metropolitan, which announced the £96

million sale of its Express

Foods dairy unit to its man-

agement, gained 6p to 418p. Pearson, the publishing to leisure group, lost 13p to 350p after both Smith New Court and Cazenove sliced their profit estimates. Richard Dale, at Smith New Court, has cut this increased valuations of the BSkyB satellite broadcasting

Barclays Bank lost 10p to 340p after profit down-gradings relating to bad debt provision; one came from BZW, its broking arm. Julian Robins, at BZW, has downgraded this year's forecast from pre-tax profits of £305 million to a loss of £65 million. with a reduced dividend forecast of 14.15p (21.4p). BZW has also cut next year's estimate, from £690 million to £375 million, with a net dividend of 14.15p expected.

Credit Lyonnais Laing, in a construction review, has picked shares benefiting from growth and lower interest rates. Among contractors it likes are Taylor Woodrow, up 3p at 81p and Wimpey, 101p, unchanged, and among housebuilders. Bryant up 1p at 93p and Wilson Bowden, 3p firmer at 303p.

year's pre-tax profit forecast from £156 million to £134 million on concern about weak trading, while next year's estimate has been reduced from £180 million to £157 million.

TVS Entertainment, the company that lost its regional TV franchise for southern England, advanced 42p to 26p after another possible bid approach. TVS is already the subject of a £38 million bid from International Family Entertainment. Granada Group ended unchanged at 298p, after 304p, following

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Credit Lyonnais Laing, which expects Barclays to lose £94 million this year, published a sell note on the bank yesterday. It is worried thatproblems might cause

long-term underperformance. Robert Fleming Securities has downgraded its pre-tax profit forecast for Barclays from £330 million to £40 million, mainly because of the bank's exposure to the property mar-

A report suggesting that a coal deal is imminent fired National Power, which rose 13p to 262p, and PowerGen.

managers may bid to run Rosyth BY PATRICIA TEHAN

7p higher at 266p.

BT firmed 4p to 380p.

boosted by a buy recommen-

dation from Robert Fleming.

which said BT had scope to

increase cash returns to share-

holders. Cable and Wireless,

the subject of buying by Credit Lyonnais Laing, added 15p to

Rothmans eased 9p to 602p, after 617p, after rumours that it might bid for

Gucci, the Italian leathers to

fashion group. Recent ru-

mours of a possible bid for Gucci have mentioned Dun-

hill, the luxury goods group in

which Rothmans has a stake

of almost 58 per cent. Dunkill

eased 1p to 399p.

Ranks Hovis McDougail, subject of a £925 million agreed takeover bid from Tomkins, held at 263p in the

absence of a response from Hanson, up 14p to 2314p. The City is waiting to see if Lord Hanson will withdraw

and look for another target or

counter-attack, bettering last

months's £780 million hostile

offer. Tomkins added 24p to

226p. as Greg Hutchings

continued to meet institutions. County NatWest has been

advising clients to switch from BTR to Hanson, saying that

Lord Hanson's industrial con-

glomerate is trading at a

substantial discount to BTR,

up 3½p at 496p. GKN lost 8p to 394p. on

volume of 5.6 million, as a line

of 1.9 million shares went

through the market at 399p.

485p after unveiling interim

profits slightly below expecta-tions at £124 million (£118

million). Elsewhere, North-

umbrian lost 20p to 530p.

North West 5p to 469p and

BAT Industries, the tobac-

co-to-insurance giant, gained 17p to 906p on the strength of

an expected dramatic im-

provement in third-quarter

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Lasmo added 9p to 183p

PHILIP PANGALOS

South West 4p to 483p.

profits today.

Devonport

THE managers of the Devon-port shipyard at Plymouth are seeking to run Rosyth, their Scottish rival, if the defence ministry accepts their bid to be Britain's only nuclear submarine refitting site.

Under their plan, up to 3,000 of the 4,000 jobs at Rosyth yard will be axed, with submarine work moving to Devonport and the Scottish yard retaining refitting work on minor warships.

In a report submitted to the government a year ago, Devonport Management Limited (DML) estimated that choosing Devonport would save £400 million — £200 million on capital expenditure and £200 million in operating costs - over the rest of the

Mike Leece, DML chief executive, said yesterday Dev-onport would find work for less than 200 of the Rosyth technical specialist staff if its plan is accepted. He said he believed the navy

board had accepted DML's arguments. A decision on the future of the two yards is expected before Christmas. Mr Leece said DM Lis likely

to bid to run the two yards under government plans to privatise the surviving operations. He proposed to keep Rosyth

open as a specialist yard for the refitting of smaller warships. If DML were to take over the running of the yard. he said, it might also put some of its commercial refitting work through Rosyth.

Thames Water lost 7p to Rosyth, which carries out all refitting and refuelling of Polaris submarines, with work on other nuclear-powered submarines split between it and Devonport, is fighting to stop work on its nuclear submarines moving to Devonport.

Rosyth's managers counter that Devonport's cost of adapting its docks to meet nuclear safety requirements could be much more higher than

The Rosyth managers have made an offer to run the yards jointly with DML with work split between the two yards.

WORLD MARKETS

Dow hardly moves as voting starts

New York — Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in choppy and cautious latemorning activity as investors await the outcome of yester-

day's presidential election. The Dow Jones industrial average, up 1.89 points at 3264.1, teetered within a fivepoint band all morning. Declining shares held a slim lead over advancing shares.

Gerald Simmons, head of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: The election is the paramount event in the marketplace until we know who the victor is and what the new Congress will be."

Hong Kong — Share prices fell slightly in thin trading as the market cautiously awaited the American presidential election. The Hang Seng index sank 33.73 points to end the day at 6197.44. Turnover was almost unchanged at a lacklustre HK\$2.578 billion (£220 million). With the election result due this morn-

ing, Hong Kong time, the

frontrunner, to win the presidency, analysts said.

Herbert Chung, an asso ciate director at Wardley James Capel, said: "If Clinton wins, the market will be a bit soft, but there should be no major correction."

Singapore — Share prices retreated by the close on profittaking after recent sharp gains, but brokers see the market's fall as healthy.

The 30-share Straits Times industrial index fell 11.67 points to 1,405.87 on volume of 156.67 million shares. against 133.60 million on Monday. A trader said: "We have risen about 100 points in just over a week. The correction is healthy. Prices will fall but interest will remain."

Renewed interest in Singapore came from institutional funds that had reduced their holdings since the first

- The market was

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Sedgwick official praised

DEBBIE Hilton of Sedgwick, the insurance broker and financial services group, yesterday received the Business employee volunteering award for the support extended by the company to staff helping the inmates of Norwich

Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford (UK), presented the national award to Allied Dunbar. the life assurer, for its corporate commitment to employ ees giving time, skills and resources to the community.



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GOVERNMENT securities had a futures-led day, with little interest in cash stocks from overseas. But gilts shook off uncertainty caused by a wobbly pound. Long-dated securities closed up to half a point higher before the German government's unveiling give a clue to the trend of interest rates.

The gift future reached a high of £10028/32, but drifted lower to close four ticks higher at £10015/32, on relatively quiet volume of 25,000 contracts traded.

The shorter end of the market still expects another cut in base rates soon. Conversion 10 per cent 1996 rose three ticks to £10930/32, while Conversion 9 per cent 2000 added four ticks to £1079/32 among medium-dated securities. At the longer end, Treaclimbed three ticks to E984/32

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rivate doubts over the effectiveness of financial services regulation have been growing apace in the City. America's Securities and Exchange Commission, once viewed as the worst of all possible bureaucratic models, has found friends in the most unlikely places. The call by the head of Britain's biggest life assurance company for self-regulation to be scrapped in favour of direct government control will force the issue to the top of the agenda of relations between the City and Whitehall.

The Prudential and other big respectable financial institutions have mixed motives. For them, one of the problems of self-regulation is that they, rather than the taxpayer, pick up the bill for the incompetent or corrupt. Yet Mick Newmarch's public dismissal of the system centred on the SIB was surely brought by a tide of sheer frustration: over regulatory failure in the Maxwell affair, over the impasse on disclosure of life assurance costs, most of all over the messy attempt to create a new Personal Investment Authority. The proposal to create the PIA was itself the SIB's response to the failure of important parts of the secondary tier of industry self-regulation over which it presided. To conclude that the system itself is

basically flawed is but a short step.

The key to reform is, however, the substance rather than the form of relations between industries and those who regulate them on behalf of the public. Direct regulation by the DTI of investment companies, which operated so miserably in cases such as Barlow Clowes, failed because it lacked independent leadership, professional nous and was a poor relation within a government department, a drawback also apparent at the Bank of England. The SIB system, essentially a form of statutory regulation contracted out to the industry, started well, but was too bureaucratic. Later, it swung too far in the opposite direction, becoming captive to the industry in some areas while contracting out too much of its work to specific industry bodies that were of mixed quality. Some have built a strong reputation. Others

are simply not up to the job.

Independence from Whitehall needs to be combined with independence from the industries regulated and freedom from any taint of the trade association. The SIB has not achieved that

No confidence

ouse prices have fallen by between four and 5 per cent in the past two months, according to building society estimates. This is the most depressing statistic of all for those looking for a decisive turning point in the economy. A combination of low prices and much lower mortgage costs should present buyers with a wonderful bargain. Sadly, markets are not so simple. Why should first time buyers, above all, invest in a falling market when they have seen the misery caused to so many who have had to sell at a loss that wiped out their capital and more? This particular period was full of special factors, including the untimely end of stamp duty relief and the unecessarily messy devaluation.

Such a rapid fall in prices is most unlikely to be repeated. The timing of revival is less sure, for it depends less on hard financial calculation than on confidence. That is where the government's weakness, ineptitude, and sheer lack of courage over devaluation have done so much damage. Policy is hardly the issue. Cuts in interest rates are, after all, the best possible medicine for the housing market. It would have been better if they had done nothing but demonstrated masterly calm, competence and an ability to react to changing conditions before rather than after the political roof falls in. So long as the public has such lack of confidence in the government, it is unlikely to gain confidence in recovery.

German economy must face up to hard choices in its hour of truth

Wolfgang Münchau

says the problems will not be solved simply

by cutting rates or

altering taxes but by fundamental reforms

f Chancellor Helmut Kohl is to be believed, the "hour of truth" has finally arrived. These are dangerous words. When he said them at the CDU party conference in Düsseldorf last week, he did not mean that he had been lying and was going to stop. He was referring to the need to end procrastination in economic policy. But this has less to do with truth — which in economic terms has been evident for quite some time - than with the ability to face up

Germany and its chancellor are facing hard choices. Yesterday's survey by the German Chamber of Commerce, showing the lowest business confidence in more than 10 years, amounts to the latest sign that the economy is sliding into recession. This is not just a cyclical phenomenon, nor is it a question of macroeco-nomic policy. The real problems go much deeper. What the "hour of truth" really means is that policy will have to go for the jugular — fundamental structural reforms, reforms in social policy, pensions and. most important, labour markets.

Jürgen Möllemann, the country's liberal economics minister and the left's favourite bogeyman, advocated the need for such reforms. He threatened to enact legislation aimed at allowing east German companies to "opt out" of the social contract, which has been so characteristic of the way German industry has operated for decades. The unions reacted

They know they have much to lose if they give in too readily. The two essential pillars of German industrial relations have been industry-wide bargaining arrangements, the adoption of which is compulsory for every participant in this industry, and extensive co-determination agreements. It is from those two pillars that the unions draw their power. The system proved successful for the whole of the economy and has resulted in a most desirable labour market mix of high productivity, high wages, and — by G7 standards at least - low unemployment. It is equally clear that the system does not work for eastern Germany, But irrespective of how convincing the government could make an economic case for unions to give up some of these powers, they would never be party to an agreement cutting off their power base. A degree of conflict is therefore inevitable.

It is here that economic reform must start. The following four considerations should be among the most urgent priorities.

Bread line: east Germany, beset by archaic equipment, suffers from low productivity and low skill levels

ket should be reformed to bring wages into line with productivity. The region is beset with low productivity and low levels of skill in relation to present wage levels. East German wages will soon be higher than even Britain's, especially once west and east German wages are harmonised in 1996. The east German economy needs to grow by an annual 10 per cent for 10 or 20 years in order to catch up with the west. This will not happen if present wage policies are pursued.

East Germany's unemployment rate, estimated at 30 to 40 per cent if hidden forms of unemployment are included, combined with slower than forecast economic growth, may make labour market

emergency regulations inevitable in the end. Herr Möllemann's proposal to allow east German companies to opt out of the industry-wide bargaining process and to adopt individual agreements with unions goes in the right direction, but it should be applied with a strict time limit and the opt-out should be subject to strict conditions to prevent abuses of the

☐ The eastern German labour mar- ☐ The nonsense of privatising east

German companies in Big Bang manner should be stopped immed-iately. The establishment of the Treuhand privatisation was probably the single biggest mistake in the management of unification. Most damage has already been done. The Treuhand's emphasis should be changed from privatisation to reconstruction, and this is already happening to some extent.

BUSINESS LETTERS.

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not be ignored.

Kohl's task is to restructure an existing economy. Erhard's job was that of a company founder. Kohl's, if he is up to it, is that of a company doctor

rationale behind industry-wide regional wage bargaining is disappearing. The present recession has not merely affected different industries rates. This would be perfectly consiswith differing ferocity, but also different companies within one industry. The steel industry is one sych case. This year's controversial 6.4 per cent wage agreement in the steel industry was acceptable to some companies,

them was Thyssen, which recently announced vicious cuts in produc-tion. The trade unions should recognise, therefore, that the system of determining wages should allow for more flexibility at the level of individual companies. This should not mean an end to industry-wide arrangements. One could still retain an industry-wide framework agreement, specifying not an actual level of wage

increases, but a minimum, eaving the rest to individual companies.

Given the downturn in the

present economic cycle and the continued pressures within the economy, unions, employers and the Bundesbank should all contribute to a solution. Unions should ac-

cept moderate wage rises of less than 4 per cent in 1993. The Bundesbank should dump its monetarist dogma and proceed with reducing interest tent with an anti-inflationary stance. The German economy faces many problems, but a rate of inflation of less than 4 per cent is not one them; the political, social and economic disaster of an eastern German mezzowhile others suffered badly. One of giorno is. The government should

refrain from tax rises, while trying to restrain but not necessarily curb

spending.

But the last point should not be exaggerated. Germany's economic problems are not the result of mistakes in macroeconomic policy. Macroeconomic policies therefore cannot be the solution. Chancellor Kohl quite correctly defined the problem as one of a country living beyond its means. It is also the problem of a country not able or willing to adjust to the economic and social shock of unification. This has led to a debt-financed boom and then a bust. But then, the recession would have come eventually, and with it the recognition that Germany can no longer afford the social and labour market policies that a whole generation has taken for granted.

ut will Chancellor Kohl succeed in enacting these reforms, having suddenly discovered his hour of truth"? Probably not, since he is not a man of conflicts but a politician thriving on consensus. But such consensus is not forthcoming, given the deep-rooted differences between the trade unions and the centre-right government, and even within the government itself. There is some talk of a return to the so-called konzertierte Aktion, concerted action. whereby the government, unions, and employers meet to agree on common policies. This has been tried before, in the 1960s and early 1970s, but like other efforts aimed at stage-managing an entire economy, the policy eventually broke down in the mid-1970s. The west German economy never responded well to planning, and certainly did not owe its success to committees.

The flight into solutions of the past

only highlights the inability to face up to the difficulties. The arrival of such round-table talks is yet another sign that Germany is trying to find the solutions of its present problems in the past. This is a shame. The chancellor's hour of truth cry had a faint and distant ring of the early Wirtschaftswunder days in the 1950s, when Ludwig Erhard, then economics minister, forged the present economic structure. But to invoke the ghost of Erhard and the 'zero hour' misses the point. Chancellor Kohl's task is to restructure and possibly to redirect an existing economy. Erhard's job was that of a company founder. Kohl's, if he is up to it, is that of a company doctor.

The peculiar point is that the two

aspects of German economic reform are in an odd way related. The old West Germany owed its success to Ludwig Erhard's policies, such as the social market economy with its particular labour market structures. The difficulties of today's Germany stem tions created during the 1950s and 1960s. Is this then a case of dialectics at work? For those who live in east Germany and are not yet convinced about the economic benefits of the capitalist system, it is quite tempting

History favours Heseltine

SPECULATION that Michael Heseltine may one day become prime minister simply will not die. Introducing the president of the board of trade at an Institute of Fiscal Studies seminar in London yesterday. ex-Maxwell man Peter Jay. the BBC's economics editor. reported the results of some "macro-economic research" he had undertaken. There have been three past presidents of the board of trade since the war who have subsequently become prime minister. Jay told his audience. Winston Churchill had to wait 32 years after becoming president to become prime minister. Harold Wilson took 17 years, while Edward Heath took only seven. "From which it is obvious that the interval is falling by some 50 per cent with each successive president," said Jay. "That makes May 1994 a very interesting date " Heseltine's typically enigmatic response was accompanied by a somewhat strained smile. "The president of the board of trade is a job which I have long coveted," he said. His preference for the title is, perhaps, explained at

Move engineered

DEREK Lygo, a specialist engineering salesman at James Capel, and son of Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace until 1989, has resigned from the firm, intent on returning to his earlier career as a fund manager. Lygo junior, also ex-

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Heseltine: portents

navy, joined Capel more than five years ago, but before that had worked for Mercury Asset Management as a fund manager. His departure coincides with that of Michael Blogg. ex-Savory Milln engineering analyst, who has been made redundant even though colleagues at James Capel des-cribe him as "solid, reliable and very able". Blogg, it seems, is a casualty of the fall in overall capitalisation of the engineering sector. Worth almost 10 per cent of total stock market capitalisation five years ago, experts calculate that the two key engineering areas, engineering aerospace and engineering metals and metal forms, now make up only two-thirds of one percentage point. According to Mike Geering, head of research at Capel, the firm is, as a consequence, planning to merge its engineering coverage with that of other white goods, at present categorised as electricals, electronics and teleMARK Longden, once a se-nior generalist equities salesman at James Capel, who went on to cover European derivatives for the firm, has left Lehman Brothers, as executive director and product manager for UK and European

Wager of faith Easily the strangest bet of the

entire American presidential

election campaign came at the eleventh hour yesterday when Lawrence Kalleet, a Californian businessman, travelled overnight from San Diego to Ladbroke's betting office in Curzon Street, Mayfair, to place a \$5,000 bet on Ross Perot becoming president. Ladbroke's odds against a Perot victory were 100 to 1, but the betting firm did not seem unduly worried about the chances of paying out half a million dollars. "The odds are the same as on the Liberal Democrats winning the next election," said Paul Austin, Ladbroke's public relations manager. Austin says Kalleet is an avowed Republican who suddenly became enraptured with Perot. "He usually sends \$5,000 to the Republican campaign but Perot doesn't need the money so he's supporting him this way instead." Thanks to his overnight flight, Kalleet was unable to vote for Perot but was planning to watch the election result last night on television in London. Clearly feeling guilty, Ladbroke booked him into the Hilton and supplied him with champagne to ease his loss.

Unanswered question over Dan-Air From Mrs Sheila Vince continued employment of

hundreds of (Dan-Air) staff Sir, I am (or was) a shareholder in Davies & Newman. and ... the better redundancy

Reading between the lines of the correspondence in your columns, and of Mr David James' statement in his "Dear Shareholder" letter that: "the transaction with BA will. as with a receivership, provide no benefits for shareholders," it seems to me that without the shareholders' invested capital the deal with BA could not have gone ahead. It is shareholders' money that is financing, at least in part "the

terms which will apply for those staff who will not remain employed." That's fine, but at least one question remains unanswered. We are still referred to as shareholders, not ex-share-

holders. Does this mean that we are now shareholders in Yours faithfully. SHEILA VINCE, 42 Kenilworth Road,

Bucking at implementation of the Taurus share system

Sir, Sir Andrew Hugh Smith's defence of Taurus (Octobewr 22) gives rise to many questions in my mind. Why, for example, are the brokers and banks pressing for the individual investor to

From G.B. Miller

move his shareholding into nominees? He states quite clearly that the nominee is seen as the legal shareholder and there-

fore is able to move the shares about as he sees fit; the investor has no legal redress. With the present flood of fraud and bankruptcy I would certainly NOT recommend this to the individual

shareholder. We are all aware that shares are "borrowed" from time to time in order to balance the broker's books, and the fact that a broker is legally responsible for reinstating the holding if he has moved it about and is found out is hardly reassuring, given that the shareholder might not know about it for a year.

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broker to gamble with your Taurus is that the companies shares without your ever will not recognise the owner-knowing about it. Taurus itself ship rights of individual share-

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accounts. Sir Andrew says that holding the share certificate is not a guarantee of ownership, but it is at least prima facie evidence that you are the owner, and the purchase note is proof that it was bought. What proof do you have if the transaction has not been passed through Tau-

Nothing said by Sir Andrew justifies his statement that "it will bring better legal protection, enhanced protection . . . As an investor, I shall dispose of every shareholding in

every company that requires that my investment be done via Taurus. Yours faithfully G.B. MILLER. 68 Adisham Green, Church Milton. Sittingbourne,

From Mrs Diana Allen Sir. My understanding of Taurus is that the companies

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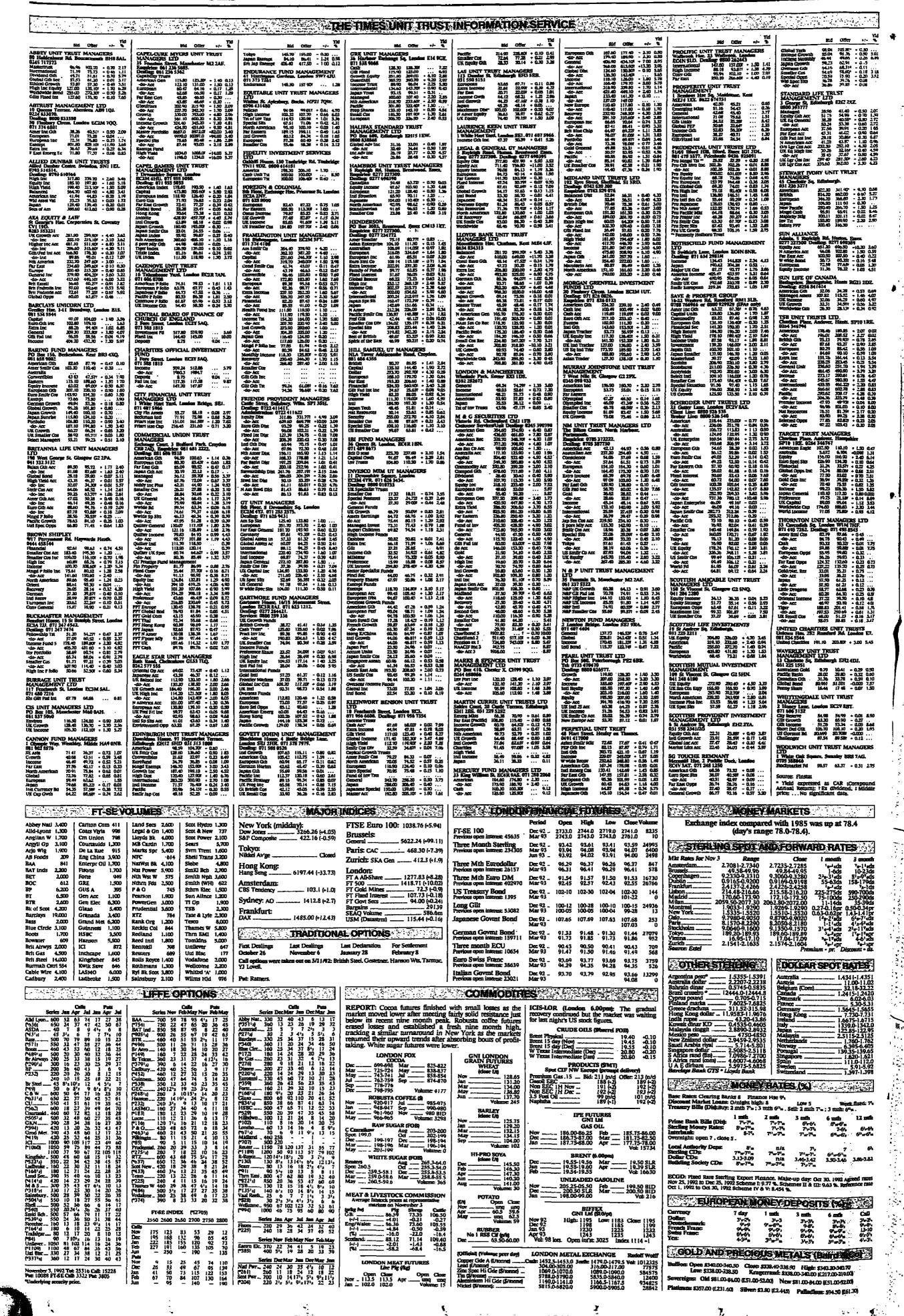
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Selina Scott says she is tired of being mugged by the media, and has finally decided to strike back

What a load of old humbug

dential election and three before the most important Commons vote, arguably, this session, one might have expected The Sunday Telegraph's profile column to have had weightier matters to consider than the earnings of an obscure television presenter. But no - we now have the shape of Charles Moore's brave, new vision for The Sunday Telegraph.

Right, chaps. What we need is a good old-fashioned investigative piece, like why do they pay Selina Scott so much? All we have to do is to stick a colour shot of her mug on the front page and bill it as 'Secrets of Selina: is she really worth all that money?"." And so it came to pass.

As the subject of last Sunday's profile and assorted banner headlines in the tabloids earlier in the week, I felt that familiar mixture of nausea and weariness brought on by so many similar stories over too many years.

It is not that the articles are invariably hostile, it is that the content is so drearily timewarped, the same ragbag of misconceptions, inaccuracies and humbug, dredged from the cuttings, dusted down, and presented to yet another TV generation as ultimate

Sad experience, and the further derision that was heaped on the likes of Sue Lawley and Julia Somerville when they dared to question

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the sensible course when mugged by the media is to keen mum and carry on. But you don't win that way either, do you? For if you don't respond, that lends credence

to what is written. It must be true - she hasn't denied it. And so another falsehood joins the list of lies in the growing piles of cuttings, yellowing in newspaper archives. And another small piece of your self-esteem crumbles away as yet another uncorrected lie props up the case against I decided to write this article

after The Times invited me to do an interview. Instead, I offered to write a piece, correcting at least some of the inaccuracies about my earning power and alleged incompe-tence that seem now to have become accepted truths. I seek no new dawn in press perceptions. The best I can hope for is that the next cuttings job will at least scale down my reputed income and keep the Inland Revenue off my case.

For the record, then, people in television are paid far too much. But what is true about television people is also true about stockbrokers and lawyers, about sporstmen and insurance salesman. It is especially true about MPs and newspaper editors.

Not unreasonably I maintain that I did not invent the television wage structure, and with the proliferation of channels, wages for on-sreen "talent", if anything, will increase.

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Keep smiling: Selina Scott is weary of "the misconceptions and inaccuracies"

I would surely be some kind of simpleton if I chose to deny the broadcasters' valuation of my

earning capacity.
But since my salary seems to cause so much angst in press circles (another grossly over-rewarded bunch) let me officially and publicly deny claims that I earn £200,000 a year from BSkyB. What I actually earn rests between my employ-

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ers and myself, but I get the rate for the job. Presumably Sky believes it is getting value for money since it has recently negotiated a renewal of my

Let me officially deny that I am to be paid £100,000 by the BBC to present the new series of Entertainment Express. I have signed for an initial run

mately the same rate I was paid for The Clothes Show.

Without any sense of justifying myself or what I earn, and certainly with no element of whingeing because I happen to believe I have been extraordinarily lucky, I would simply place on record that like many other single working women, I have absolutely no job security.

variety of employers in what is generally regarded as a buy-ers' market. I have no company insur-

work short-term contracts for a

ance or sickness benefit. If I am ill I am not paid. I have no company pension and no company car. I choose to have no husband, and thus have no cushion of a second income to fall back on. I have no complaint about the foregoing. Better minds than mine have tried to analyse the

qualities that go into making a television performer. Wherein lies my talent? All I do, apparently, is read an autocue. All? Somebody ought to tell Clive James how easy reading autocue is! Television, as many of the print hacks who have tried it can testify, is harder than it looks. I have had my share of disasters. Name me a presenter who hasn't. My weaknesses have been well catalogued and there is no shortage of critics wishing to remind me about them.

For me the reality of being a television "star" is leaving home at 6.30 tonight after a long day's filming, en route for a four-hour stint anchoring Sky News. Tomorrow? Something similar. And the one after that. But — hey — who's complaining? Being a television "celebrity" beats the hell out of being a fish-gutterer in Aberdeen or on the game in Huddersfield, or, for that matter, being a profile writer on The Sunday Telegraph.

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At the conclusion of the book are some interesting points of reference including a list of women editors of national newspapers; more than half have been appointed since Wendy Henry took over at the News of the World in 1987 but no one has yet attempted to rival the record of Rachel Beer who edited The Sunday Times and The Observer around the turn of the century.

CHARLES WINTOUR

Living by the vision

Channel 4 will have to fight to maintain its innovative edge

hannei 4 is the Peter Pan of British tele-vision. If it is to stay alive, it must never grow up, but its successful decade has made it prey to the British trick of taming rebels by welcoming them into the establishment.

Despite its success, the channel's future is insecure: it faces increasing compention for viewers. It must now pay its way while adhering to its remit to innovate, and cater for audiences nor served by existing channels. But BBC2 has followed up so many of its ideas that Channel 4's job becomes still harder.

The channel's future depends on two factors: first, programme makers must deliver work that is innovative and yet saleable to advertisers. Second. advertisers must redefine what is valuable on screen.

The trap for the channel and its programme-makers is the Faustian bargain in which advertisers' values dominate investment. But with money scarce, this seems inescapable.

Advertisers are not interested in programmes — only audiences, predictable ones of the kind delivered by American sit-coms and ITV repeats such as Inspector Morse. These are so effective on Channel 4 at attracting elusive younger up-mar-ket males while holding older viewers that, as an adman put it "a logician must ask why the channel bothers making programmes of its own now that it is a commercial venture. Admen see the remit as an obstacle "hugging" the evening schedule with programmes "of interest only to one-legged Somalians fond of Italian cooking", as one of them put it.

This trendy put-down undervalues minority audiences larger than the readership of two broadsheet newspapers. And it ignores the glorious paradox of Channel 4, a non-profit yet commercial institution ordered by law to be special.

Channel 4's innovations have become today's norms - new sports, sexual frankness, original films, alternative comedy. Experiments seen by small audiences on Eleventh Hour and Alter Image are now on BBC2 and even ITV in surrealist commercials. As other channels play safe. Channel 4's remit to surprise keeps the mainstream alive.

The larger issue remains, what is Channel 4 for? Its remit can be seen as a formula for commercial suicide, or as the basis for inspiration, risk, strangeness, a chance for the world's creative people to surprise wider audiences, and brave journalism no other channel dares touch - genuine public service broadcasting cross-subsidised by more conventional fare.

Ood programme making does not happen under economic pressure. That leads creative people to censor themselves, hoping to second-guess the market's taste, which inevitably leads to imitation, not originality. "Value for money" is no measure of the freshness or quality of programmes. It is certainly not a raison d'être for a distinctive service.

Michael Grade, Channel 4's chief executive, recently suggested that the BBC keeps the rest of British television honest. True, but it looks increasingly that the mantle of inspiration has passed to Channel 4. In these worrying times, broadcasters to whom the channel has been a model hope it can sustain that role.

ROGER GRAEF ● The author was a founding director of Channel 4

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edited by Dennis Griffiths, to be published at the end of this month (Macmillan, £49.50). The main body of the encyclopaedia is given over to more tors, executives, printers and

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his distinguished father, but it

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is none the worse for that. The book opens with six linked essays on the history of the press, concluding with a typically rumbustious and stimulating essay on the postwar press in Britain by Louis Heren, a former deputy editor of The Times. "Britain has had its fair share [of megalomaniac press barons]", he writes.

"Little can be said in their favour, except that they did little harm and the more successful were brilliant journalists. They created great newspapers, if only during their lifetime. Their sons were rarely similarly inspired [he must be thinking of Lord Beaverbrook and Sir Max Aitken), and it is interesting to note that the first

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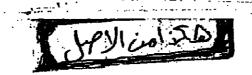
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Cliff Richard is hanging

on in there with

memories of three

decades at the top

scope for my imagination." For some years nearly all his work was

inspired by postcards of the ordi-

Conjectured Pictures, as it is

called, may seem a rather large

monument to raise to a postcard,

but what of Rima's Wall, 30-feet

long and covered with bold but

inscrutable graphic patterns? "I

was reading an obscure novel in

which a group of people discover a cave in which one wall is covered in

primitive, urgent but unreadable signs. I decided to realise it from

the novelist's description." This took him six months.

licence to imagine." He translated

Dante's Inferno "in order to own it.

to give me a licence to illustrate it".

"All I need," he explains, "is a

nary, old-fashioned kind.

he hardest thing to fath-om about the multi-facet-

ed Tom Phillips is where

he fits into the art world.

As if to demonstrate this, his work is

about to be aired in four London

venues almost simultaneously: a

painting retrospective at the Royal

Academy, his books and designs at

the National Art Library at the

Victoria and Albert Museum, his

music at the Institute of Contempo-

rary Arts, and his photography during a special slide lecture at the

Even this feat of multiple expo-

sure does not cover all his output.

His portraits - of such sitters as

Dame Iris Murdoch and Samuel

Beckett - were shown at the Natio-

nal Portrait Gallery three years ago:

and his illustrated verse translation

of Dante's Inferno was

filmed, with Peter Greenaway, and televised in 1990. He seems to be

three or more artists

Phillips is eager to

explain how his multifar-

ious works have come

about. The reasons are

self-evident to him, if

somewhat surprising to

others. He is well aware

that while his work.

based as it is so emphati-

cally on words, is cherished by a coterie, it is

dismissed by many crit-

ics. "A lot of reviewers say 'rubbish' to what I do even before I put it up,"

he says. "Sometimes I

think only American loonies like my work. All

artists feel unappreciated,

The two very large works

exhibited in the RA's

Sackler Galleries (he is

the first living Academi-

cian to be shown there), are both "walls". The

interior of the Mappin Art Gallery...

Sheffield, in about 1910. Neither

the main wall nor the pictures on it

are still to be seen, except for the

portrait of the gallery's benefactor,

Mr Mappin of Mappin and Webb.

so I'm not complaining.

rolled into one.

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TELEVISION page 31

Serena Gordon brings

glamour to the role of

Birmingham solicitor

Kinsey's new partner

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beard as pointed as a dagger. fully swollen feet. ist in the exhibition, La Tour insists tense. But La Tour throws sufficient

This is a figure approaching the

light on the old saint's figure to define the poised dignity of his limbs. Despite the humiliation he has so bravely undergone, this most persuasive of all images of Jerome remains unbroken in body and



Conjectured Pictures, Phillips's 1972 painting, inspired by a postcard of a wall at the Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, circa 1910

first, 20-feet square, was derived been writing his own poems to from a postcard which showed the __illustrate -- but again has chosen to do so on a massive scale. Curriculum Vitae consists of 20 stanzas of autobiography in Betjeman-like verse, each stanza inscribed on a wooden panel five feet high, on which the lettering is carved and

Phillips has reconstructed the wall, repainting the pictures from their ghostly images on the post-Phillips compares them to illumicard and printing similar wallpaper for them to hang on. The point was to recreate the wall not as it writing. When you read the lines, was, but as the photograph made it look. "I tried to be as faithful as I they stop being pictures and be-come poems." In the age of wordcould to the accidents and imperprocessors, there is something perverse in producing verse by such a time-consuming method. "I can fections of the photograph, its vagueness and the reflections in the only do about two and a half lines a glass. Because it was a bad and inadequate photograph, it gave me

tablets. "They are pictures made of

painted within a wide illustrative

Tom Phillips with one of his globes, part of "A Quest for Identity" at the National Art Library at the Victoria and Albert

nated manuscripts on man-sized

the pages up with paintings and designs. Such words of the original as survive on their islands of white paper deliver dreamlike messages words drawn, needless to say, from 'Art in the street covered deep with pictures vivified", for instance, A Human Document was

title: A: Humument, and it became a cult book (or art.object?) when it was published in 1980. In each edition he substitutes dozens of new pages. The book was also the source of an opera named, after one of the characters, Irma. Parts of it are to be performed at the concert of his music at the ICA on Sunday, given by the Composers' Ensemble with Phillips singing the part of the

enough to do it. Who is going to

Phillips is a man who places

great store by habit. Every day he

lunches at local workmen's cafes in

a fixed sequence: every Saturday,

for over 20 years, he has collected

the leftover paint in the controlled

chaos of his studio, mixed it

together and used it. The result is

an ever-growing series of vertical

strips of canvas painted with X-

strokes which he calls "Terminal

Greys".. Grey, the usual result of mixing many colours together.

produces a surprisingly large range

of shades and contrasts when one week's grey is placed against the next: he calls them "dross trans-

An all-pervasive presence in his

he found on a secondhand bookstall about 25

years ago: A Human Document by W.H. Mal-

lock, published in 1892.

"I chose it because it was

the first book of continu-

ous narrative that I could

find for threepence. I

have been using it ever

since, whenever I need a

text. I have never read it

through consecutively

but I don't suppose it is a very good book."

His first experiment was to "treat" the book by

isolating words or parts

of words on each page to tell a different "story"

and to cover the rest of

telescoped into a new

work is the Victorian novel which

muted into gold".

buy them? Nobody."

has made have been purchased by the National Art Library and are the focus of a display at the Victoria and Albert Museum of his notebooks, sketchbooks, drawings and miscellanea. The globes, an imagionly do about two and a half lines a nary earth and imaginary heavens, day. Nobody else would be crazy are annotated with names and

A Humument. The title of the display is "A Quest For Identity". This refers to another Phillips enterprise, a set of albums in which he has mounted the envelopes ad-dressed to him under various titles: "His Excellency Mr Phillips", "The Export Distribution Manager", "The Occupier (Disconnected Me-

GALLERIES: Peter Lewis surveys the multifarious skills of Tom Phillips. Plus: St Jerome, the Renaissance pin-up?

ne of the games he plays has been to collect these over 20 years. Can it possibly be of serious interest? He has an unexpected rationale to offer. "To me they show the fragility of one's identity as a human being. We are only who we are in other people's eyes.

ter)" and "The Pizza Eater".

Looking at these envelopes I feel that I am barely there. By bothering to collect these things, an artist shows how it is for everybody." Another collecting project is to

photograph, annually, 20 sites within a half-mile radius of his home in south London, an area of special significance for him. He was born there 55 years ago, studied there at Camberwell School of Art, and has always lived within half a dozen miles of his present

house in Peckham.

"I have been taking these photographs for 20 years, always on the same day," Phillips says. "It was meant to be boring, a recording job, but it amazes me what changes one sees already, in the people and the traffic. It has turned out to be interesting beyond my wildest expectations." He is giving one of his them. "Twenty Sites N Years", at

the Tate on December 2. What do these obsessive and multifarious activities actually amount to? His answer is that they amount to being an artist, as he expounds in a massively illustrated

new book: Tom Phillips — Works and Texts. His message seems to be that anyone can be an artist.

"Being an artist is finding the world exciting, interesting and fun don't bother to look at the world. I don't think painters see it in a special or better way than anyone else but they think differently about what they see. My art grows out of the things I stumble on. I assume that life is going to put things in my way. If you believe life is interesting, it rewards you - but you have got to be attentive and on duty. I am on duty night and day."

In his final Curriculum Vitae, "A as "a saver of scrapings, custodian of dust, for ever recycling. . . builder of images from bricks long laid down." Does he never feel an urge to take a virgin canvas and create something that did not exist — as book, artwork, postcard or found material — before? His answer is: "No". "It's a form of cowardice. probably. Whatever I make, I seek an alibi, an excuse for its existence. In the-same way as a sitter is an excuse for a portrait. But we don't blame Joshua Reynolds for that."

● Tom Phillips: Major Works 1970-1992. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438), from tomorrow to December 20, daily. Then the exhibition will go on tour.

● The Quest for Identity, National Art Library, at Victoria and Albert Museum, SW7 (071-938 8500), daily until Janu-

• Music by Torn Phillips at the Institute The Mail, SW1 (071-930 3647) on

● 20 Sites N Years, Public lecture at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313), December 2, 6,30pm.

● Tom Phillips: Works and Texts, published by Thames and Hudson, £35.

Renaissance role model

Richard Cork on an exhibition exploring artists' fascination with a saintly penitent

hy did St Jerome become one of the most popular figures in painting? He was neither a charismatic performer of miracles, nor a heroic martyr who sacrificed him-self for his beliefs. But as the National Gallery's absorbing "Themes and Variations" exhibition discloses, this scholarly man lent himself to an infinity of different interpretations. At Trafalgar Square alone there are 30 paintings of him, and the images selected for this survey reveal just how versatile the "Jerome" persona

could be. Some of the most familiar pictures present him as a serene and pedagogic figure, absorbed in his studies. Antonello da Messina's celebrated little painting encloses him in the coolness of a monastic. interior, where gothic vaulting soars above the extraordinarily elaborate shelves structure housing the saint's bookshelves, desk and chair. Through a window, the pleusures of a jewel-like landscape beckon and minuscule people relish a boat-trip on the river. But Jerome, seen in stern profile, keeps his eyes trained firmly on the

manuscript he clasps. To a certain extent, the donnish image is historically justified. Jerome's main achievement lies in his pioneering translation of the Bible into Latin, producing the standard Vulgate text used for centuries by the Catholics. He became known as a wise old Father of the Church, a long-bearded theologian so wedded to learning that he insists, in Crivelli's great altar-piece, on carrying the weight of two wristbreaking tomes as well as a helty model of a light-emitting church.

But this multi-faceted man cannot be limited to a single role for long. Even Crivelli devotes a predella panel of his altarpiece to a very different Jerome, bare-chested in the Syrian desert and beating himself with a rock. As a young man in the fourth century AD he had entered the Roman imperial civil service. After dreaming that he was scourged by angels for preferring pagan books to the Gospels, Jerome suffered a crisis so severe that he retired to the desert and gave himself up to unremitting penitence. Hence the abundance of pictures showing the saint assalling his own half-naked body.

s befits a sensuous Venetian. A Cima underplays the vio-lence in his beguiling little panel. Although Jerome kneels on the stony ground as he talks to himself and stares up at a nearby crucifix, the rock held in his hand does not seem to be aimed at his own flesh. He could even be preparing to throw it like a harmless ball, and nothing disturbs the sunlit somnolence of a landscape where the inevitable lion sprawls contentedly under a most undesertlike expanse of green foliage.

Cosima Tura presents a tougher alternative. His newly restored painting is a formidable affair. following Mantegna in an ability to make the human body as flinty as the mountainous scene Jerome inhabits. The rock is now thrust up high in the air by a man so intent on hurting himself that blood already streams down freely from his lacerated chest. While an owl stares down in astonishment, the remorseful saint prepares to hit his sinful body with the same harsh-



Detail from Saint Jerome in a Landscape, by Cima, painted between 1492 and 1516

ness that Tura shows as he scores Jerome's cheek with sharp-lined hatching and makes his jutting

But even Tura looks detached when compared with the greatest painting on view. George de La Tour's St Jerome in Penitence, on loan from the Nationalmuseum in Stockholm. Unlike every other art-

on seeing the saint as an utterly unidealised human being. He does nothing to disguise the old man's furrowed, sagging flesh and pain-

end of his life, and yet he remains determined to inflict further suffering on his frail body. His isolation in the encirding darkness is in-

● Themes and Variations: St Jerome, at the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321) until Dec 13.

First, take your seats, then take them home

GERMAN film director Edgar Reitz is not only bringing his 26-bour film Die Zweite Heimat to the London Film Festival this week. Mindful perhaps of the constricting seats at the Museum of the Museum Image cinema, where the epic will unfold over the next two weekends, he is also bringing special Heimat cushions for audiences to use. Those who stay the course will receive a special prize: they can keep the cushion. The film, seven years in the making, follows the fortunes of Hermann, the young musician of the last Heimat episodes, and his bohemi-an friends of the Sixties. Among other endurance records broken by this film, there are said to be 15,548 English subtitles.

BON JOVI, in London to promote their new album Keep The Faith, have adopted an eccentric method of publicising a concert. The gig will be in central London tonight - but the exact location will be revealed on the Simon Bates Show on Radio One this morning, and tickets will then go on sale to personal callers at the venue's box office only. Whether the Bates show is the natural place to reach their fans is a matter for conjecture. However, two shows have been announced for Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) on May 14 and 15, 1993. Bon Jovi's last album, New Jersey, sold ten million copies, and the group has not performed here since 1989.

Siberian score

THE millionaire publisher and spare-time Mahler conductor Gilbert Kaplan has pulled off a minor Mahlerian coup. He has discovered and photographed Mahler's personal score of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony - in Siberia. Kaplan came across the score, heavily annotated with Mahler's conductor's markings and retouchings, while he was in Novosibirsk to fulfil a conducting engagement. Mahler may have left

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it in Russia in 1902, when he conducted the work in St Petersburg while on honeymoon. It is part of a collection that was acquired in St Petersburg and has been owned by the same family for 50 years. Kaplan, in London to conduct Mahler's Second at the Festival Hall next Monday, comments: "Many strange things have happened to me in connection with Mahler's music, but to stumble across this rare score of Mahler's in the middle of Siberia is most

● TONIGHT the ballet-loving Princess of Wales will attend a gala performance by the Scottish Ballet in Seoul. The British Council invited the Glasgow-based company to perform before the Prince and Princess of Wales, who are on an official royal visit to South Korea. The performance will feature principal dancers Linda Packer and Robert Hampton in Peter Wright's production of Coppélia.

Last chance . . .

JONATHAN MILLER's straightforward, narrative-friendly production of Don Giovanni has done sterling service at English National Opera, having been revived regularly since it was new seven years ago. Not the least of its attractions is Philip Prowse's darksome but glittering set. The latest revival boasts the mercurial Peter Coleman-Wright in the title role, his double-act with Arwel Huw Morgan's seedy and opportunistic Leporello honed to well-oiled perfection. Jane Eaglen and Glenn Winslade sing Anna and Ottavio, and the conductor is Andrew Greenwood. The final performance is at the Coliseum (071-836 3161) tomorrow.

LONDON

An IDEAL HUSSAND: Harmah Cordon, Anne Canteret and Marim Shew head a stany cast in Perer Hell's production of Wilder's society drama-should a politician resign when the cromal lottes of his past are discovered.

discovered? Globe, Shaflesbury Avenue, W1 (071-484 5065) Previews from lonight, 7.45pm. opens Nov 11, 7pm

THE WEXFORD TRILOGY: A revos small rown life opens with A Handful of Stars: a young rogue kills time in the pool halls. Poor Beast in the Rain and Belty to follow. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3398). Previews tonight. tomorrow, 8pm; opens Fn, 7pm, Sat,

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Necholas THE MAGRIC FLUTTE: Nachplas Hyliner's lucid and stylish English National Opera production (elegantly designed by Bob Crowley) is revived by John Abutafla, with a cast that includes Alan Opie (Papageno) and Gillian Webster (Pamma), Nan Chrishe (Cusen of the Night) and Paul Miton (Tammo) Nicholas Kraemer conducts

Sponsored by United Artines. Collegum, St Menn's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7 30pm THE HALLE: The Manchester-based Orchestra visas the capital to perform a programme under Rudolf Bershai. Beethoven's Violan Concerno (with Igor

III AS&ASSINIS: Sondheim's sharp and successful musical explores the imputes that drives no-hopers to fall American Persidents Dommer Wavefouse, Earliern Street, WC2 (071-67 1150) Mon-Set, 7:30pm. mats Thurs, Sat. 3pm. 105mms

ANGELS IN AMERICA: Tryling MANGELS IN AMERICA: Thrifing performences in Tony Klashner's taschating state-of-the-Umon drams on Aids, religion, politics, everything. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE1 (071-923 2252) Tomph-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 1 30pm, 210mms

CI ARTISTS AND ADMIRHERS:
Ostrovaly's sharp, effectionate picture of a theatnoal anthill in Russia crica 1880
Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzal and Philip Voss.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8991). Tonight, tomorrow, 7 150m. 150mrs.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Arie ☐ DEATH AND THE MADDEIX Ariel Dorfman's sourching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downe. Darny Webb and Hugh Robert Work's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Set, Spin, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

☐ THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA: The agonies of sensual repression revealed in Kathe Mitchell's repression revealed in Keine Mitchell's tense production of Lorca's last play Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, Wil1 (071-229 0705). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mai Sat,

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in mai in nurso as thes PAMILT; Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummored. Ray Cooney tarse with lots of laughs Pleyhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Fri, Spm, Sar, 8.30pm, mai Thurs, Spm, Sat, 5.30pm 135mms.

Ill JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaufman Excellent cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazerus A Hampstead Theatre production Vaudewille. The Strand. WC2 (071-836 9867). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Monsat, 7-45pm, mat Sat, 3pm, 160mms I KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical It coarsens the raiues of Manuel Purg's novel but Chira

NEW RELEASES

◆ BOOMERANG (15): Preena Madison Avenue Lotheno gels his comsuppence. Distillusable Eddie Murphy vehicle. With Robin Givens, Haile Berry, director, Reginald Hudfin, MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) must rumam Road (071-370 2636) MGM Oxford Street (071-836 0310) MGM Troadero (071-434 0031) Pla: (071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332) WGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636

◆ THE CRYING GAME (18) IPA ● THE CRYPING GAME [18] IRA gurman becomes obsessed with a hostage's griffnend Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that Ethers at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whater, Jaye Dawdson, Miranda Richardson. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332) GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS (15): Real-

estate salesmen fight for their fives. Energetic version of David Mamet's play, though Jack Lammon goes ow the top. Co-staring Al Pacino, Ed Hams; director, James Foley, Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353). MON PERE, CE HEROS (PG): Famey adventures of a divorced father (Gérard Departieu) and he seenage doughter on holiday in Mauritus. With Marie Gillam; director, Genard Laucier. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470). UNLAWFUL ENTRY (18): Sicko cop

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Karl Knight

Pictures from an Exhibition. Barbican Half, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm. **REGIONAL**

ABERDEEN: Champoned by Wynton Marsals, the young trumpeter Roy Hangrove recently had the honour of Jaying alongside the great Sonny Rollins at Camage Hell. He is poredhere by the same tight bend that heatures on his laters album, The Wiber Mausle Halt, Union Street (0224 841122) 7, 30mm. 641122), 7.30pm

641122), 7-30pm
GLASGOW: The production of Armie
Get Your Gun, Irving Bertin's hit
muscal, continues to tour the regions,
with a plenned West End opening later
the month. The story letts of the rise of
hitbolity Armie Cadley to become the star
attraction of Butter Bills of the rise of
hitbolity Armie Cadley to become the star
attraction of Butter Bills Wild West
Show, eclosing the larne of marksman
Frank Butter. The well-hower classics
include "Doin" What Comes Neturilly"
and "Anything You Can Do" The
Groedway star Kim Criswell is Armie;
John Decirtch sings Frank
King's Theathe, Beth Street (041-227
5511). Tonight-Sat. 7-30pm, mets today.
Frt. 2-30pm, Set. 3pm.

Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guase's fine play on human THEATRE GUIDE

House full, returns only
 Some seats available
 Seats at all prices

MAKING IT BETTER: Lust, Li abound 17 is et l'ent les en reachery and ambition revealed as an English couple harbour two Czechostovelaten ades Jane Asher hads an exceptional cast in James Saunders's intelligent play Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4489) Mon-Fin, Spm. Sat, 8 30pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 5 30pm.

☐ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE Gerald Harper and William Gount play crime writers who fall out and pit their worked wits against each other: run-ofthe-mill thrifer. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Fn. 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mals Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 120mins.

☐ PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME!: Brian First's effectionate cornecty of an Irish emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be cherished. Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WCz (071-867 1116) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8 15pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mrs.

☐ PYGMALION: Alan Howard, Frances Barber in a Howard Devies production that some admire greatly white others leet subordinates the text to a clever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SÉ1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow. 7, 15cm. 195 mins.

RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery in a La value of instance forly Settiney in a fun ing down Memory Lane, set in warrime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers Cuseer's. Switesbury Avenue, W1 (071–494-5040). Mon-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat, 8pm, mets Thurs, 2 30pm, Sat, 4 30pm, 150mms.

TSUMINS.

In the Risse and FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alson Steadmen and Jane Horocks in Jim Cartengin's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 150mms

Stockard Channing as the rich New

CINEMA GUIDE

Exasperating thrifler with wasted potential. With Ray Lotta, Madeleine Stowe, Kurt Russell; director, Jonathan Kaplan Odeon Lelcester Square (0426

◆ LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18) Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and a punk burn's love for a young artist going blind Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

 1492: CONQUEST OF PARADISE (15) Lashings of almosphere from director Ridley Scott, but not enough dramatic meet. Gérard Depardieu as Columbus: Sigourney Weaver as Queen Isabel Barbican (071-638 8891) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2936) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15), Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York marriages, Stars Allen, Mia Farrow, Judy Daws,

inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins. THE TENDER HUSBAND:

LEICESTER: The Rambert Dance Company's autumn tour of the Miclands offers two separate

programmes. Programme one includes Subthen Davies's Winsboro Cotton Mil Bues, a piece for len dancers, set to piano music by Fredency Roswald,

paino music by resource recovery, combining the blues with the sound of teetile mals turning. Programme two includes the company premiere of Mark. Baldwin's Gone, described as a chamming and withy dece, puriormed to a set of plant surtes by Edverd Grieg. Haymanket Theatre, Haymanket (0533 57002) centre. Set 700cm.

S39797, tonight-Sat, 7.30pm
LIVERPOOL: London Contemporary
Dance Theatre's autumn tour takes the
company to Liverpool with a
programme offering three new works:
Motorcade, by the American Mark.
Moms, My Father's Vertigo, by the
Frankfurt-based American Maller, and
Christopher Bruce's Rooster, set to
songs by the Rolling Stones
Empire Theatre, Lime Street (051-709
1555), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mail Thurs,
2pm.

AMNCHESTER: Choreographer, dancer, singer and composer, Mered Monk streddies the whole spectrum of contemporary awant-garde performan Nowhere is this more clear than in Attent the cores who recently consider.

Affas, the opera she recently created in Houston Grand Opera. For its first British tour, the Meredith Monk Voca Ensemble will present the premiere of

a concert version of the opera, along

with Facing North Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504).

539797), tonight-Sat, 7 30pm

☐ THE TEMPER HUSBAND:
Following a regional four the Magnificent
Theatre Company arrive in London with
Sir Richard Steele's sprightly comedy of
mental confusions
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 Brentlord
High Street (081-568 1176), Tues-Sat,
Bpm, mat Sat, 5pm

№ THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Tracker's winning rewal. Thirties style, both come and romantic, designifully acted — not least by a repreachful mut. Burbtean, Sak Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomonow, 7.15pm. 150mms.

musical on murky doings in Renaissance Europe. Not tavoured by reviewers. Piocadility, Danmen Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mai. Thurs. Sat, 2 30pm. 165mms.

LONG RUNNERS: 🗆 BK

☐ WHICH WITCH: Norwegian opera

Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044)

Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044)

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◆ WHITE MEN CANT JUMP (15):

POP: Caroline Sullivan marvels at the vigour of the ever-youthful Cliff Richard

Keeping up with the young ones

impression that he is just a gritty rock n'roller at heart. Circumstance forces him to play Wembley Arena, he implies; he would much rather be in a proper, sticky-floored rock club.

However, singular fame has its advantages. For one thing, if a pop singer ever ends up on a British postage stamp, it will probably be him. For another, he can colonise huge auditoriums for weeks on end. He began 15 shows at Wembley on

Richard's record there is 18 nights. The length of his current residency might be a consequence of his having somehow become 53 years old. Indeed, the tour programme revealed the beginnings of wrinkles on the adolescent brow. These, however, were the only signs that the star is subject to any normal biological processes. He glided through a two-and-a-half-hour set with no sign of fatigue. Video close-ups indicated that he was not even sweating. Someone should inform the British Medical Association.

The performance was divided in half, the first devoted to a romp through the early material. The singer bounced on wearing a black bolero suit and a guitar and, more loudly than one might have expected, strummed into "Move It". That ancient hit was succeeded by "Living Doll", "The Young Ones" and others from Cliff's threat-to-decency period. At this re-move, they sounded more torpid than torrid, but Richard's vim was most

The second part covered the Seventies through to the present. It com-

Cliff Richard Wembley Arena

menced with a symphonic fanfare and a computerised lighting trick that appeared to have Richard in mid-air against a star-sprinkled backdrop. The effect was repeated later, with Cliff strolling through some clouds as he sang "Miss You Nights".

Richard has perpetrated some pretty bathetic ballads in his time, and they all got an airing. "From a Distance" was followed by "Some People" and, yes, a new one, "Love is the Strongest Emotion". The last named was surpassingly gooey. Thankfully, the sugar content was leavened by a spirited versions of "Willie and the Hand Jive" and "Devil Woman". A new tune, "Little Miss Treater", was a jolly and likeable essay at Stax-type funk. The singer was ably supported by a six-piece band and by four backing vocalists, whose lush tones recalled Elvis Presley's Jordanaires: Entertaining as the show was, two

and a half hours of concerted sleek entertainment were still two and a half hours. Things could have got tiresome. That they did not was due to Richard's genius for crowd management. He prefaced each song with a wry anec-dote, and although he had probably said the same thing the night before. you warmed to his manner. He joked winningly at his own expense: "There are people trying to sleep in here," he observed. Richard's easy slickness suggests that a future in politics awaits, should singing ever pall.



Cliff Richard: wrinkles on the adolescent brow, but no sign of fatigue

BLUES: The 'first lady' lives up to her reputation

High and mighty soul

Etta James Town and Country

THE renewal of interest among American and British audiences in indigenous music forms has created the climate for a late flowering by the veteran James, a blues-soul singer whose career now spans four decades. Bonnie Raitt hailed her recently as one of the great American voices, and certainly she must be one of the most powerful. With a physical presence to rival that of any opera diva, she can roar, growl and howl with hurricane force, yet also has a softer, more sly side to her vocal character, making her recent work on record rich and multitextured.

James is unnecessary hyperbole, as the Oueen of the Blues. As if to live up to her title. she proved to be a wayward and shamelessly regal presence - arriving

TWENTY-FIVE years of commitment

to music of its own time have given the

London Sinfonietta an impressive

repertory on which to draw for the

jubilee programmes the ensemble is

It is another product of his fascina-

tion for the paintings of William Blake.

in this case a watercolour illustrating a

passage in the Book of Revelations.

His multi-purpose harmonic tech-

nique imparts an almost visionary

splendour to his musical imagination,

from the crystalline tones of celeste and

harp over a cushion of five solo strings

on stage 50 minutes late, she played for a straight hour, then left without an encore. Yet it would be impossible to deny that she is, for all her wilfulness, a monumental talent. An intense yet stoic rendition of "I'd Rather Go Blind", an Etta original long before it became a staple of every self-respecting bluesman and woman's set-list, made this point conclusively, reducing a highly supportive and patient audience to a temporary stunned silence.

Elsewhere, as belits a woman who has embraced the southern Blues tradition so wholeheartedly, James showed herself to be a highly physical, even lascivious performer, adept at a range of movements popularly be-lieved to have been minted by Madonna. Leering her way through "Breakin' Up Somebody's Home" or "Come To Mama", she was the essence of an aggressive, knowing sexuality, while on "Damn Your Eyes" - extended here to include an inspired re-working of the Latin chestnut "Besame Mucho" - she appeared both vulnerable and intensely proud. Imperious then, and nighly mercurial, but with more than enough substance to carry off such a high-handed approach.

ALAN JACKSON | capacity audience.

WORLD MUSIC: African sounds are sheer joy

Riveted by the rhythm

Baaba Maal Jazz Café, London

GREAT hopes were once entertained for African music in Britain, but in a recession, the global outlook is often first victim to a shrinking perspective. Of all the exciting performers who

have shown Londoners the copious

regional varieties of Africa's music.

Senegal's Baaba Maal is one of the few who can still hope to generate wide-spread enthusiasm. From the opening moments of the first of two sets at the Jazz Café, with veteran vocalist Mansour Seck's solo voice under-pinned by a keyboard drone and explosive talking drums, this was a riveting experience. Seck has powerful enough vocal cords, but w Baaba Maal began singing from the balcony above the stage, the sense of

special occasion spread through the

keyboard and percussion, his voice is an instrument which strikes with amazing, sudden force. The other great male singers of Senegambia and Mali, Yousson N'Dour and Salif Keira, for example, may have lost some of their original impact over the years of searching for crossover success, but Baaha Maal and his hand displayed an abundance of clarity, conviction and sheer joy.

No single member of the band played a central, unifying rhythm, and, each song progressed through bewil-

Like a flame-thrower raging through

the dense thicket of guitar, bass,

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dering shifts of tempo and mood, with four percussionists and a drummer exchanging heats that appeared to get in magic rather than mathematics.

A has completely intensified the experience: since it combined strong emotion and the pleasure of rich sound textures with a tentalising sense of something just beyond comprehen-

sion. Perhaps seeing the James Brown Band at its peak would have been comparable in today's context, when ive performances are so often di pointing. Baaba Maal could have been a visitor from another planet.

DAVID TOOP

CLASSICAL: A quarter of a century of new music

Anniversary adventures

calling "Happy Returns". Not all of it is nostalgia, even so, for Saturday's concert added one more investment for at the outset to a tomorrow, with the premiere of *The River of Life* by Dmitri Smirnov, a Russian now living in Britain. darion dimax of brass and tubular bells and an intense-

ly evocative cantilena for solo violin.

Oliver Knussen conducted what

sounded an assured and securely

appointed performance, with which

the composer seemed well pleased. He

had every reason to be satisfied by the

expertise bestowed on his work by the

instrumentalists, both individually and

as a collective ensemble alert to each

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other's responses, and revealed in the fluency they brought to Knussen's own

brief study, Coursing, to begin the programme.

The tightly wrought vigour of this contrasted with the more open and delicate textures of Toru Takemitsu's subtle musical landscape, Tree Line, leading to the programme's oldest yet most haunting work: Robin Holloway's Evening with Angels, com-

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posed in 1972. What he calls a "textless song-cycle", mainly derived from Tennyson, is beautifully crafted in its instrumental sensibility, blending the strands of five solo strings, celeste and an assortment of wind instruments.

To end this celebration, the American tenor Jon Garrison joined the orchestra to sing In Sleep, In Thunder, a 1981 commission from Elliott Carter, who set six poems by Robert Lowell expressing both passion and conflict, the substance of the words becoming changed by the shifting weight of the vocal line. The singer's enunciation was admirable, and the conductor ensured the text was never obscured in balance with the instrumental playing.

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Cliff Richard

Pinter himself plays Hirst, the wealthy, reclusive alcoholic in whose combed-out head dream and reality, fantasy and memory, even day and night, have elided into a "no man's land" peopled by ghosts from the 1930s. Two thuggish attendants, Douglas Hodge's smirking Foster and Gawn Grainger's dour 3riggs, keep the whisky flowing and he world out. Then into the steel-rey limbo of Bob Crowley's set-omes a dilapidated poet whom lirst has picked up on one of his bzy walks across Hampstead leath, Paul Eddington's Spooner. At times it is admittedly as if At times it is adminishly as in-inter's Caretaker had been blend-e with his Old Times and salted with bits of The Homecoming. In rany ways Spooner is a familiar fiure, the opportunist with territoria ambitions, the intruder on the hnt for space to steal. And Foster ad Briggs harass him in the same od, oblique way in which Mick fisters the tramp Davies in The Cretaker. A speech about London's mst disorienting one-way traffic syems is classic Pinter, a comically cded warning about getting too inolved in an emotionally intricate

again, Pinter's fascination with tht dusty, cluttered souvenir shop, th human mind, is as obvious as in Oi Times. There, a woman's huband and her best friend swpped competitive recollections of No Man's Land Almeida

her younger self, in increasingly desperate efforts to assert their mastery over her then and now. The past became a battleground and reminiscences the weapons of war. Here. Spooner enters Hirst's obsessive memories of his Brideshead youth and manipulates them, playing the role of an old friend, a cuckold, a rival in love, anything that will increase his intimacy with and his hold over the old toper.

Does the play sound arcane and inscrutable? So it is at times. Moreover, the stakes seem lower than in Old Times or The Homecoming and the dramatic tension is consequently slighter. Yet there was no boredom in the air on Monday night, and much more laughter than I recall in 1975. Pinter's Hirst may not have the weight and authority of Sir Ralph's prototype, but behind the swagger he affects when he is acting out his memories is an anguished abstraction of which that great actor would have been proud. And Eddington achieves the still trickier feat of rejigging a character that had seemed definitively interpreted by Sir John.

Gone is the ragbag bohemian with his sandals, rimless specs and fastidious pique. Instead, we get a Spooner in a bow-tie and a suit that has seen better days, a nervous, watchful figure precariously sustaining a sub-Garrick Club respectability. His dropping body, shrunken cheeks and long, sharp nose combine with beady, darting eyes and a prim, wailing voice to create the impression of a predatory marshbird, past its prime yet capable of banging open a shell and sucking out the flesh if a plump snail should insist on being eaten. It is a finely observed portrait of failure, funny yet sad, and proof in itself that Pinter's No Man's Land has what really matters: first-hand life.



Two fine performances: Harold Pinter as the reclusive Hirst, Paul Eddington as Spooner, the opportunist with territorial ambitions

FRINGE THEATRE: Martin Hoyle on an evocative and enigmatic multi-media drama; and a chilling tale of Irish family conflict

Counerpoint: Charles Mutter in Why Things Happen

Fiddling while the world ends

Why Things Happen ICA.

7 he analogy between the ... atomic bomb and a Bach sonata is tenuous, but this multi-media exercise in emotional counterpoint weaves links between parallel experiences large and small, public and personal, with ele-gance and confidence. The company Second Stride has shank, a violinist playing a violinist, a dancer playing a dancer and a television director played by an actor, to ring deconstructive variations on the themes of creation and disintegration by way of abra-

Antony McDonald's set deploys the sterile comfort of office furniture and a squareframed opening that com-bines elements of hollow television, toy theatre and shop window. The television director interviews a musician who takes a sonata apart; a woman dances; director and woman

recall their relationship, increasingly over-shadowed in retrospect by the nuclear tests the day of his birth.

Second Stride has built up a reputation for a refreshing, or cussed, refusal to fit in to a neat theatrical category. There are times in the new show, already honed by a national tour over the past month, when one would like more of Cruikshank's writing. The few setpiece speeches for the media far as one can tell in the back rows where Timothy Walker's pianissimo delivery reached only fitfully. One certainly could have done with more clarification of the woman's role; equally, the non-dance buffs among us might have wished for elucidation of Joanne Leighton's vigorous exercises. But the direction by lan Spink, devisor, choreographer and the company's artistic director, never lets things flag. The musician is played by Charles Mutter, and Judith Weir, no less, is arranger and

The Rock Station The Cockpit

s the lighthouse keeper warns: "People on rock **1** stations end up killing ridge." This particular lighthouse, or rock station, is off the west coast of Ireland, and Tom Piper's evocative design collars us at once with its hint of brooding menace: the clutthe lantern chamber jutting out above it: and all around draped swathes of canvas. frozen waves or jagged rocks, on which perches a fiddler, a mute peasant woman who watches the drama unfold from outside, a Fate who plays catgut instead of spinning the thread of human life.

The second half of Ger FitzGibbon's two-hander fails to live up to this haunting image or the tension initially generated by Abigail Morris's direction. The opening pro-duction of the revived Soho Theatre Company in its new

home off Lisson Grove is a literate yarn that changes gear halfway through from an atmospheric piece about two estranged brothers reunited in claustrophobic isolation to a plain thriller, less a whodunit than a whatisit and a

This Irish family is symbolically riven: the off-stage father Catholic patronised by his protestant employers; the keeper of the light evidently an engineering genius who has "simple practical tasks to be done and a clean logic to it all"; and his younger brother, a dapper visitor who arrives out of the mist to inquire about the recent mysterious death of the assistant keeper.

The play is set in the 1860s

running were rife; but the play's acknowledgment of the era's political turbulence and the horrific social conditions that provoked it, looks perfunctory; mere background to a creepy adventure story. The piece seems uncertain whether to deliver a message or simply chill the spine.

The wail and rasp of Richard Heacock's music, electronically amplified strings to tension, seems to have little contact with Emily Fox's inaudible fiddling. Decent performances of their wordy, and finally overlong, roles from Peter Caffrey (the keeper) and Sean Cranitch (the brother who is not what he seems).

RADIO REVIEW

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Buying a pension for purgatory: that was how a speaker on An Obligation of Love (Radio 3, Saturday) described the estab-lishment of a chantry, that is to say the employment of a priest or two to pray for you after you were dead. The chantries flourished just before the Reformation - which, to complete the metaphor, came along like Robert Maxwell carrying off the pension funds.
All the historians and clergy

on James Whitbourn's excellent programme stressed that the setting up of a chantry was vivid impression of a lost world where prayer flowed around everybody, propping them up, it was hoped, with God's

In this world the dead were simply like part of an extended family, and a chantry priest was meant to pray not just for his dead employer, but for everybody else around, living or passed over. In any case, was fully appreciated that a wealthy man was likely to need extra prayers if he was to get out of purgatory into heaven.

chantry chapel in the church (a tiny suite of rooms that one lived in still exists in St George's Chapel, Windsor): and in practice they did many other good works, especially building up the church music. There was no preaching on

the programme. Whitbourn only permitted himself one elegiac thought at the end: not even Christians think much about the afterlife any more.

On Radio 4 you can now hear (in 41 parts) the poetic vision of one of the greatest of the reformers: Milton's Paradise Lost. From the first instalment, you got a sense of an utterly changed world from that of the chantries one where the individual had to strive alone for salvation. Both for Milton and Satan a stubborn determination seemed to offer the best hope for the future, though Satan of course was only going to succeed in the short term.

Denis Quilley is reading the narration — or "playing the part of Milton" as Radio 4 chooses to put it. He does it very well, calmly leading us through the long and complex paragraphs and using the verse stresses to heighten clarity, as they should.

Ian McDiarmid as Satan was convincingly bitter and guileful. Only Matthew Morthat proved too difficult: it is not possible to present us with a lucidly articulated Miltonic sentence when you are booming and blustering as he was required to do.

DERWENT MAY

TELEVISION REVIEW: Kinsey is back on the case

Point eigh Lawson has returned in the title role of of Kinsy (BBC 1, last night). Originaly unwilling to repeat the role - a caring, streetwise, fashionally dressed but embattled lirmingham solicitor the acor said on TV-am on

Friday last that he had changedhis mind because he thought here was more to be discovered about the character and he lad enjoyed the work and the attitude of the crew. I don' suppose money had anythingto do with it. Certainly Kinse operates with little regard to the bottom line and not, as ore of the bad guys put it, as though he had "smelt the gelf" to be had from a case. What is more, with a "bloodsucking ex-wife, a teenage daughter at an expensive school, new partner who has yet to being in her old clients, and a stanky new suite of offices, Khsey really ought to be cramming in as many simple insurance and compensation

keepinghis head down. . does manage, against the odds, to suggest

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the humdrum routine which real solicitors have to contend with his is a credible, person-able, fully-rounded performance. But, in the interests of drama, he is tangling with a distinctly heavy-handed drugs squad over the mysterious demise of one Blakey, a heroin-addicted former soldier. said to have acquired the habit while on undercover work in Northern Ireland. Kinsey and his ex-police-

man assistant Danny (Mark Williams, very much Danno to Kinsey's McGarrett, it you catch my drift), are convinced that the drugs and alcohol with which Blakey killed himself, just in advance of a major drugs-bust, were provided by the police. Our heroes' invitations to the policeman's ball this year may be withdrawn.

Peter Gibbs created the Kinsey character and still writes the scripts, with a smattering of sharp hanter and an occasional excellent, genuinely tough scene. But he has a possibly fatal tendency, no doubt encouraged by thoughts of prime time ratings, to pull some punches. Thus, although the ex-wife (Marian Mc-Loughlin) comes on all icity devious and bitter, she blums

the barbs and ultimately leaves no doubt as to how much she admires Kinsey's altruism. Possibly the comic talents of

Meera Syal, as Val. secretary and office manager, are also too much for Gibbs to resist. Her machinations and backchat certainly enliven proceedings; but this engaging show, produced by Carol Parks and in this instance directed by Richard Standeven, should not be confused with Hill Street Blues or LA Law, where the comic-to-serious-to-heartwarming gearchanges were more boldly handled. Besides, there are not enough established characters to allow convincing multi-strand storyeverything revolves lines: around Kinsey.

Tricia (Serena Gordon), Kinsey's new partner, does, however, have Hollywood glamour aplenty, along with the steely glint required of a convincing advocate. I can hardly wait for their professional partnership to lead to something more personal (stay tuned for episode three)...

With Tricia's former partners cutting up rough and trying to stop her working in the same city, and the daughter turning up in mid-term with her suitcase, the first episode had almost too many loose ends for the unilappable Kinsey to sort out next week. But, sure as forgetting to button up his trademark volu-minous black raincoat (could this be an attempt to give him the look of a barrister in a gown?) he will, won't he.

DANCE UMBRELLA FESTIVAL

Fluent in French

ance does not nor-mally need surtitles, but the thought did occur with the Astrakan company's Gravures (Engravings), which focused on a spoken French text. Although we found ourselves at the French Institute, the audience targeted was not only French, since the event was presented in association with Dance

musical director.

It was enough, however, to catch the verbal gist, a translation of a letter written in 1336 by Petrarch. In it he describes his ascent of the Mont Ventoux; the climb became as much a spiritual as a physical journey. Round Petrarch's reflections, the choreographer Daniel Larrieu has built a subtle and unusual web of movement

Larrieu was one of the five performers weaving around the central Petrarch figure of James Smylie, who as well as dancing also narrated the lengthy text. At times they just stood or walked or sat; at times their movements echoed the words obliquely. Their pace was unhurried, with graceful arms and detailed hands choreographed into patterns. Selections of music (mostly Boccherini and Schubert) supplemented the words.

Where Larrieu opts for an affecting simplicity, his compatriot Dominique Bagonet goes for a brasher style that made full use of the Royalty TONY PATRICK | Theatre's broad stage (courtesy again of Dance Umbrella). Bagouet stands out from other established French choreographers in that he carries traces of an American post-modern influence; and fittingly he invited the American choreographer Trisha Brown to create a piece for his Compagnie Bagouet. The outcome, One Story, as in Falling, along Schnell (So Fast), made up a double bill which maintained a consistent clinical distance and dislocation. With Brown. the dancers become impersonal alien creatures, intent on their own vertical equilibrium. a notion emphasised by the giant plumbline hanging at the back. The effect was static, but fascinating, resembling an abstract painting in yellow and grey, with the sharp graphic outlines of dancers assembled in asymmetrical ciusters. Like Brown, Bagouet used a

sound collage (in his case, clicks and hum of industrial machinery), and a dispassionate perspective. Even at the end, when he allowed glimmers of emotion to appear between a couple, he reduced his treatment to robotic, parodic gestures. Before that he had dismantled his dancers' manoeuvres; he had set quirky individuals, duos and trios against massed groups. As a vision of life it was playful, puzzling and over-extended.

. Nadine Meisner

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Arlington fills out BAe acres

Christopher Warman looks at the thriving plans of

Britain's leading business park developer

he first fruits of the acquisition by British Acrospace of Arlington, the leading business park developer, are ripening at Bracknell, Berkshire, and Hatfield, Hertfordshire. These former BAe sites are being transformed into an office scheme and business park respectively.

The site at Bracknell, 22 acres of the former BAe Aerodynamics plant, where the gyroscope was developed, and the 100-acre Harfield site illustrate clearly why BAe acquired Arlington three years ago. BAe paid £278 million for

the company, with Arlington bringing in about 1,400 acres of land either devel-

oped or in the planning pipeline. Arlington's projects include Aztec West at Bristol, Britain's most mature business park, Birmingham Business Park, Solent and Gloucester. BAe had a total of 35.000 acres, of which very little had been 'rationalised" in planning terms, Arlington explains.

Under the January 1991 directive on the rules for consideration in local plans, Arlington was responsible for ensuring that about 2.400 acres of BAe land on 24 sites was incorporated into local plans, which could have a value to BAe of £1 billion when developed.

Hatfield needs development and job opportunities after the decision to close down a BAe factory there and with the ambitious Galleria shopping centre on the AI (M) in receivership. Hatfield Business Park is a mixed commercial scheme for which Arlington has planning consent for 1.1 million sq ft. Almost as soon as planning consent was granted, Arlington prelet a 78,000 sq ft distribution depot to Royal Mail and has sold it on to Clerical Medical, which has also bought property at Aztec

Because of its location on the A1 (M) and proximity to the M25, and because of the calibre of the labour, Hatfield is becoming a prime target for relocation and space use north of London. St Albans is one of the few towns in the area with equivalent benefits, but the planners are reluctant to promote anything that might affect the fabric of the town, which gives the advantage for development to Hatfield.

The Bracknell site com-

prises 22 acres, on which

650,000 sq ft of offices are

planned. Arlington points out

that the site is roughly the

same size at St James's Square

in London and is enthusiastic

to pursue the analogy. The

design, with a high proportion of landscaping, is redolent of a

London square, and Arlington

1960s, needs a face-lift to re-

establish it as a leading town

ed and capable work-force,

excellent communications and

tired and dull. The Arlington

Bracknell has a sophisticat-

in the Thames valley.

now 72 companies, with a workforce of about 5,000, which will rise to 8,500 when the scheme is completed. Landscaping, including lakes, a hotel, a public house converted from a farmhouse, and a centre building with shops and a wine bar. make this a model

finished to the highest specifi-

cations, and the first building, the 84,000 sq ft No 1 Arlington Square, will be completed

early next year. The rental is

expected to be more than £25 a

sq ft and the scheme will be

marketed on the theme of "a London feel of quality in the

Thames valley".

Aztec West is set in 157

acres, of which 128 can be

developed to provide 1.5 mil-

lion so it of space. There are

offers more than just Although it started as a high-tech scheme, Arlington is attracting professional services, induding consultants and lawyers, and high-tech companies now account for

for a workplace that

Quality: No 1 Arlington Square, Bracknell about 40 per cent of the development. After initial scepticism, legal firms have moved from the congested centre of Bristol to the park, and find that instead of spending time visiting clients, their clients are happy to come and see them — providing a bonus in increased productivity. Arlington is careful to ac-

is attempting to contribute to the "greening" of Bracknell, a quire only the finest locations and has lost some sites because town which, born in the it was not prepared to pay the exaggerated prices produced by the property boom. The result, as at Birmingham, where the company's site is now 60 per cent committed, is a number of developments a strong community spirit, but that even in these difficult in recent years it has become times are attracting tenants



Imack House, in King Street at the heart of St James's, London, is the only substantial new building to be completed in St James's this year and has been launched on the market at an asking rent of £49.50 a sq ft through Richard Ellis, the property agency. Named after an 18th-century building on the site, the scheme is financed by London & Edinburgh Trust (LET) and Belt Mountains BV (a subsidiary of the leading Dutch pension

The 100,000 sq ft development on nine floors was designed by the architects Scott Brownrigg & Turner and has an exterior clad with Portland stone and polished granite, while the interior makes extensive use of limed oak and polished Botticino marble. The

Heritage and the Royal Fine Arts Commission, and as part of the planning gain there are seven flats in a separate building on the site. Alan Artus, a director of LET, says that with the

slowdown of development no comparable building would be completed in the area for at least 18 months. "This creates excellent opportunities for Almack House, with the supply of new quality space in the West End tightening.

Erik Batstra, investment manager UK of Belt Mountains, says that market indicators are more positive for the West End than for other parts of London. "As a leading Dutch pension fund, we feel our commitment to London will be well rewarded and we will continue to be interested in looking at high quality space in the United Kingdom."

Almack House could provide a fine headquartes building for a single tenant, but the agents ae looking for three or four tenants, both for thir favoured investment strategy and to keep controbf the management. The entirely new building, viewd with suspicion by existing occupiers of King Stret, who include Christies and Spinks opposite, replats a 40-year-old building formerly occupied by he Inland Revenue. The design for Almack House ad to meet stringent height and bulk restrictions, and its exterior design is intended to complement and harmonise with the surrounding areas of St Jame's.

The façade, for which some of the materials vie

hand-crafted on site, is a contemporary interpr tion of the Regency style, and internally the yle shows the influence of the site's clubland histori



ack of confidence in the property market and in economic revival means that few significant invest-ments are being made at present despite improved opportunities for recovery caused by devaluation and reduced interest rates, Healey & Baker says in its latest investment

The international property consultancy explains that the letting market continues to suffer from a shortage of enquiries for space, resulting in no immediate prospect of an upturn in rental values. The main players in the invest-ment market are taking up

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Investors are keeping their heads beneath the parapet until the economy shows clear signs of growth

defensive positions, looking for returns close to their money cost, and are generally averse to taking risks

In spite of cheaper property prices, those outside the United Kingdom are deterred by doubts about the government's management of the economy. Although the survey looks forward to market improvement, it concludes that there will be no quick return to significant real growth in val-ues. This will depend upon the economy following a sustained.

upward path.
"Before re-entering the exchange-rate mechanism the UK must rebuild its domestic economic capacity," David Hutchings, head of Healey & Baker's investment research, said. "Any re-entry must be at a sustainable rate since an m at the wrong level will lead to more problems. There may well be truth in the argument that European unity is more achievable at a time

He was cautious about market projections based on historic trends at a time of economic turbulence but said the report indicated that the investment market would im-prove in 1993. "The market is still restrained by a lack of quality stock and the mismatch between vendors' and purchasers' perceptions of value. Economic uncertainty in the quarter has meant a general increase in the initial returns required by investors."

Although in agreement on the state of the market, Jones Lang Wootton, in its City and West End commercial property market reports for the third quarter, nevertheless emphasises that the leasing market has remained active. In the City there has been a take-up of 2.7 million sq ft during the first nine months of the year, and it is expected that take-up

during 1992 will be higher than in 1991. The consul-The main tant is also encouraged by an increase in occupiare taking er demand, up by 20 per cent since defensive the end of 1991. is defined as poten-

tial rather than active or immediate, a clear reflection of the prevailing economic climate and the difficulty occupiers face in disposing of their existing

accommodation." The vacancy rate at the end of September stood at 18.4 per cent, but of this more than half was represented by secondhand supply. Most secondhand accommodation is either of poor specification or in a fringe location, with only 20 per cent of the available sec-

ond-hand space well located and of good specification.
At present just 1.14 million sq ft of space is under construction in the City, and there is

little likelihood of any signifi-

cant development starts in the

foreseeable future. Take-up

can therefore be expected steadily to absorb the supply of vacant, well specified offices. In the West End, a substantial increase in letting activity in the third quarter reflected the long negotiation process in

today's market, with several transof discussion. The quarterly take-up was the highest since 1990, helped by two deals of 80,000 sq ft each. RA THE END OF SE

> tember, take up for 1992 had almost equalled the 1991 total of 1.755 million sqft, and the total for the year is likely to exceed two million.

Jones Lang Wootton said that rental trends continued downwards over the quarter and expected further falls during the remainder of 1992 before rents stabilised during 1993. Quoting rents for the leading West End buildings remain at over £40 a sq ft, but the majority of transactions were at rents in the range of

£20-£30 a sq ft. Almack Huse in St James's, featured abve, has an asking rent of £450, while Arcona's development at 84 South Audley Street, Tay fair, has had its rent redeed from its first asking of 60 a sq ft in mid-1991 to lesshan £40 a sq ft.

At the same time king incentives equivalent to at 18 24 month rent-free prod have become the market orm for longer leases. Taking both areas togher,

Jones Lang Wootton concludes that the central Lodon vacancy rate is likely to eak during the next six mones as construction continues reduce. New speculative development starts have been actions concluded negligible during 1992 and after many months whis should lead to selctive shortages of large mdern buildings for occupation h the core City and West End reas. ☐ Prime office values cross Europe fell by 5.2 percent during the third quarer of ard Ellis European inder This is the seventh constative quarterly decline in the ndex. bringing the decline our the last year to 18.7 per ceft, and has been fuelled not filly by continuing rental falls in the main markets of London and Paris, but also, for he first time, by falling rental alues in

Madrid and Barcelon. The Madrid office tarket is undergoing significan adjustment, with demand his year lower and supply risig.

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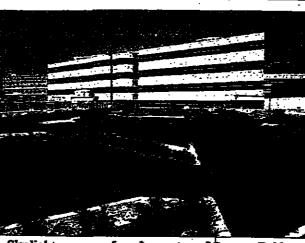


Taking up station

THE space above Cannon Bridge railway station in the City of London has been well used to provide both 295,000 sq ft of offices and an acre of garden for the staff. Spey-hawk, the developer, has let 26,000 sq ft in the Atrium Building to GNI Holdings at a rent about £30 a sq ft. GNI, a financial services company, is the third company to take snace in the scheme, bringing total lettings to more than 50 per cent and consolidating the development, which incorporates the London International Financial Futures Exchange, as an important financial centre in the City.

Landmark revived EXCALIBUR Building, the Grade II listed former Refuge . Assurance headquarters in Manchester, has been refurbished for high-tech office use in the first phase of a £1.3 million restoration of the Victorian city landmark by the developer Ric Hawley. Fund-ed by the British Linen Bank and the Central Manchester Development Corporation, Hawley's management company DUKE Oversee has completed a renovation that provides 37,000 sq ft of offices in units from 1,000 sq ft to floors of 8,000 sq ft at rents from £5 a sq ft. The leisure subsidiary of the Rank Organisation has taken 8,500 sqft on the ground floor. The 60,000 sq ft building are to be

completed early next year.



MARKET MOVES

Sky light: an acre of garden on top of Cannon Bridge

MOOR Park, a Grade I listed

mansion built in 1678 and enlarged in 1720, and golf courses at Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire, former home of the Bob Hope Classic and Wang Four Stars golf tournaments, is for sale by the Three Rivers District Council through Humberts Leisure. The local authority is selling the freehold of the property, including the works of art in the mansion, subject to the existing lease to Moor Park Golf Club, whose current rent of £25,000 a year is under review. Sotheby's valued the contents of the mansion in 1991 at about £3 million, and a condition of the sale will be that the treasures must remain in place because of Moor Park's Grade I listing. Nicholas Hopton, a director of Humberts Leisure, said that although the golf dub was considering purchasing the freehold there was likely to be

long-term rental growth and a prestigious home for their capital. He added that enquiries could come from entrepreneurs seeking to improve and extend the facilities to create a modern golfing complex simi-lar to those at Wentworth and the Belfry, although that would need the support of the planners and English

Heritage. Music box

THE former Royal College of Organists building next to the Royal Albert Hall, built in 1875 and designed to contrast with it, is for sale through the chartered surveyor Daniel Smith. The Grade II listed building, with its façade fea-turing murals representing classical characters and musicians, was used until recently by the college, and has 10,370

sq ft on five floors. Daniel Smith says the building would be suitable for headquarters, institutional educational or embassy use and will be selling the long

leasebold interest formal tender due on December 3 on behalf of the RoyalCommis-sion for the Exhition of

Mayfair unis

IMRY Group's reurbished office building at & Grosve nor Street, Londo W1, in Mayfair, previous on the market as a single tait, is to be offered in units ibm 4,200 and 1,200 and soft to 26,000 sift at the same price — £35a sqft through Bernard Thorpe. Kean Hird, directs of Imry. said that dividing the building, which stand 50 yds from Claridges and close to Grosvenor Squarewas a posi-tive response to he present state of the West Hid market There are a significant num-ber of enquiries for 5,000-15,000 sq it, and we believe that the combination of top quality location are economic asking rent will move attractive to potential occupiers from a number of sector.

Boundary thange THE pavilion end of the Foster's Oval cricket ground is to be transformed in a restoration programme over three winters at a cost off4 million. Puller Peiser, the property consultancy appointed by Surrey County Crises Chib, is

the project manager for the contract, which is to be completed in 1995. In the first stage, a pavilion balcony with most than 500 seats will be provided this winter, as well is increased pavilion seating at ground level, a cinema and enlarged library and a lew security office, with the Sir Leonard Hutton sculpturest the Hobbs

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Through the

freehold maze

freeholder is behaving fairly, leaseholders will not want to

enfranchise but will be happy

to leave the freeholder in

charge. The reforms extend the right to buy a freshold to leaseholders who had previously been excluded, and

whom the bill now deems eligible. Not all leaseholders

will become eligible. To be eligible, at least 90 per cent of

the floor area of a block of flats

must be residential. The lease

originally granted must be for

more than 21 years and the

ground rent must be less than

two-thirds of the rateable value

if the lease was granted before April 1, 1990; or less than

£1,000 in Greater London, or

£250 elsewhere if it was grant-ed on April 1, 1990, or later.

The idea is to avoid claims by

people who are renting rather

lease, finishing on the same day as the original, but cunningly raising the ground

rent to £1,150 a year. The

figure may not seem signifi-cant, but it is £25 more than

two-thirds of the property's

The new law says that if the

round rent is more than two-

thirds of the rateable value,

you are ineligible to enfran-

I am caught I had an old

lease, and in desperation I

had bought out the review

deny me the right to enfranchise.

Graham Dobson, an agent

from the Ilchester Estate,

replies: "We want the status

quo to be maintained. We

were not going to grant a

ground rent less than two-thirds of the rateable value of

the house because the proper-

ty would have been immed-iately enfranchiseable."

Under the bill, this will

rateable value.

Trapped, by law

week as the bill

that will allow.

manage their own property

rather than to be managed, or mismanaged, by freeholders

and their agents. Failure to ex-tend dwindling leases by free-holders can render a property unsaleable for the leaseholder.

The bill is about greater

choice for the majority, who

are leaseholders rather than

freeholders. In theory, if a

freeholder, the lichester Es-

tate, included a review of the

ground rent. After 33 years of -

I realised that the new

ground rent would be borrifically high — at least £10,000 a year in 1993.

I was so worried that I

negotiated with the freehold-

er to adjust this review. This

is described as "buying out" the "deed of variation" in the

leasehold. I finally reached

agreement with the Ilchester

Estate on £47,500. The landlord then issued a new

Licence to

pick our

pockets

holders to extend their leases or buy

the freehold. The prospect has won

votes for politicians but is it really

good news for us? Not everybody

wants or can afford to buy a freehold,

particularly in high-value areas. The

only alternative will be the uncertain-

party to overturn a contract freely entered into, not in the public interest but for that individual's

private gain. In the case of flats, this will include companies and absentee

landlords, even though not resident

in this country and however many

publicity, but they own only a very

small proportion of the properties

that will be affected by the legisla-

tion. The vast majority of landlords are private individuals owning either

a single property or a few properties.

deciding to grant a lease immediate-

ly foregoes a proportion of the value,

choosing to have this later rather

What is now proposed is that this value be appropriated, not at market

value in the generally recognised sense, namely the difference between

the leasehold and freehold price, but

by splitting 50:50 the "marriage

value", which is only a valid basis of

settlement where both parties are

The legislation will not remove

many of the problems experienced

by leaseholders of flats. There is

already substantial legislation pro-

tecting leaseholders' rights and al-

though further legislation might be

needed, there will still be service

charges to be paid and management

required if the flats are not to

Although leaseholders might

collectively purchase the freehold.

their lease will continue to exist.

however inadequate it may be, as

this is the only mechanism for

The government should have

introduced the "commonhold" ten-

ure for flats, as proposed by the Lord

Chancellor, which has proved suc-

cessful in other countries. There are

no leases but a statutory framework

providing for separate ownership of

individual flats, common ownership

of common parts, with responsibility

for upkeep being discharged by a

corporate body made up of individ-

Any freeholder, large or small,

The large estates receive a lot of

flats they may own.

than sooner.

willing participants.

deteriorate.

running the block.

ual flat-owners.

The legislation will also enable one

ty of renning for a year at a time.

an agent from Ilchester Estateand

a small freeholder:

Last week, the gov-

ernment introduced

the bill to enable

most long lease-

the lease, it would be in-creased to a fifth of the open

market rental value.

Comfort. a

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saving, bought a leasehold house in Holland Park Road, west London, in 1985. The 74-year lease issued by the

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> to extract a greater price for the property we are forced to sell, I can say that we would be content that any part of the enfranchisement price not properly be-

citizens being denied these rights, but the beneficiary is to profit in the process. The Department of the Environment states that "there is no intention ... that the leaseholder should gain the interest at a longing to the freeholder should be used by the government for national housing

discount", and yet the provisions of the bill guarantee a discount on the value to An end to costly delay



Robert Orr-Ewing, estate agent, heading the Knight Frank. & Rutley team on leasehold enfranchisement: I welcome the freeing up

of the market and the

reduction in bureaucracy. Chreently, any proposed purchase of a leasehold flat has to be referred to any or all of the head leaseholders, their solicitors, their surveyors, the freeholders and their solicitors or surveyors. None of these parties has any particular incentive to speed up their replies, and delays

are frequent at every stage. Either the head leaseholders or the freeholders may ask for extensive references or deposits against service charges if the references are not forthcoming. Besides the delay, those parties will also charge their costs to the purchaser.

Clearly, this has a deterrent effect on purchasers. If the proposed legislation removes these delays and charges it will be a great advantage to the market.

One point that gives concern is that, pending the legislation, freeholders are reluctant to give their consent to assignments of the lease if the current leaseholder is not entitled to enfranchise but the new leaseholder might be able to. In the case of houses, it is doubtful whether the proposed legislation will alter this restriction on assigning.

the private rented sector to improve choice leasehold flat, whereas the original and mobility and to start to weaken the 1967 legislation ensured that the rights were only for those occupying their disastrous link between house prices and consumer confidence. Yet this bill encourages more capital expenditure on housing and damagingly displays to the institutions - vital to a resurgence of the rented sector - the interference which so puts

"home" (sole or main residence). Companies, foreign residents and investors were not included but will be now. Provided genuine home-owners in blocks of flats are not compromised, the "homeowner" qualification seems absolutely

I would suggest the following amendments: ■ To give flat leaseholders control of their lives by granting a right to manage their

buildings. • To extend enfranchisement from the 1967 Act but limited to equivalent flats

only (thus preserving the home-owner requirement). ● To provide for a cost of enfranchise-

ment which does not provide an inbuilt profit to the enfranchisor. To those who might suggest that our opposition to enfranchisement is merely

Equally, many of the flats with leases of less than 50 years are difficult to mortgage. With a share of the freehold. the restriction on mortgaging should be removed, and this will also make the

flats more marketable. The proposed legislation is already awakening the interest of prospective purchasers. Whereas a year ago it was not something which many of them discussed, now all prospective purchasers want to know whether the flat will

qualify for enfranchisement. Owners who have had new leases granted within the last five years may find that the new leases do not qualify for enfranchisement because the new ground rent is more than two thirds of the rateable value - and therefore may become unattractive when they come to

Conversely, owners of fairty short leases (say more than 21 years but less than 50 years) which do qualify for enfranchisement and which have been difficult to sell in the present market should benefit considerably from the proposed legislation.

Knight Frank & Rutley has also noticed one other change which the legislation is having on the estates. Up until now, many of them have only been prepared to grant maximum leases of 60 years. Now, in an attempt to deflect the legislation, some are considering the grant of leases of up to 99 years.



Free and easy now that they own the freehold: Matthew Tudor-Jackson, left. Nicki Almond, Douglas Atkin and Jane Halsall

Ken Murray, a lease-holder who benefits: I have a 74year lease on a onebedroom

We'll

buy

soon

charge because we were

owed money by Mr Green-wood through his managing

Some work by the free-

holder was of poor quality.

For example, my flat needed

some work done on the roof

and other external parts. We

had the work independently

investigated. The concrete

mix was inadequate. It

crumbled in your hand. We

forced Mr Greenwood to

Then we were charged

£6,000 for safety provisions while the work was being

carried out, but some of the

safety provisions were never fully implemented.

Wrong bill

at the

wrong time

the leaseholder. This discount could be as

Moreover, the rights go to any owner of

length of lease and value of building.

have the work redone.

London, one of a block of 60 flats, and I hope to be able to buy the freehold as soon as the new legislation becomes

test is the most unfair. Ground

steadily, but rateable values

are determined by the levels of

1973. Therefore, many lease-

holders who recently have

bought their leases will have

ground rents higher than their

The critics claim that many

leaseholders will not be able to

afford to buy their freeholds.

even if they have the right. The enfranchisement price will generally be the difference be-

tween the value of the flat with

its current lease and its value if

it was sold freehold. Lease-holders fear that landlords will

The bill will also give owners

of houses, who were not

covered by the amended 1967 Leasehold Reform Act, the

right to buy the freehold.

charge unreasonable sums.

rateable values.

My flat is in a block with no commercial property in it, and too few rented flats there are only ten such properties in the block - to stop us from enfranchising so long as two-thirds of the leaseholders vote for enfran-

We hope they will, and think they will. Greenwood Reversion South Ltd, the head lessee, for all intents and purposes, acts as the freeholder and we consider the service charges

too high. We are disputing the matter in court. Meanwhile, we stopped paying the service

lerenty Newsum, of the

Grosvenor Estate, the

is important to distin-

guish between leaseholders' needs and desires.

Last week's Joseph

large freeholder. In considering the bill, it

Rowntree Foundation report confirmed that bad management is the real problem and not the fact that leases become shorter

In fact, the bill is flawed because the

priority now should be the stimulation of

Although usually cited as its most

important objective, the purpose of the bill

cannot be to combat bad landlords,

because there is a more effective and simpler way to do it: leaseholders should

have the right instead to take over the

management of their buildings, thereby

giving them control over their lives and

responsibility for their buildings without

the obstacles of the expense of enfran-

chisement and the off-putting procedures

The rights of ownership and free

association are basic liberties at the heart

of democracy. In this bill, not only are

which it properly demands.

The freeholder is charging a management fee of between 35 and 40 per cent of all costs to manage the property, but he never seems to be here.

Rachel Kelly investigates what leasehold changes will mean to leaseholders in flats and houses, freeholders and property professionals

He is based in Swiss Cottage, north London, and we are therefore performing the day-to-day management of the place, by doing jobs such as checking on the cleaning and the maintenance of the gardens and common parts.

• Fair Acres Management Ltd. the managing agent. comments:

"It is true that an incorrect mixture was originally used by contractors to render the parapet above with the flat. The materials were replaced at no additional cost.

"Since then, requests have been made for access to make good the interior. All these have been ignored by Mr Murray.

"The management fees are far from excessive and are at an average level for the

Take it further



tion surveyor imuch leasehold property is managed by surveyors): The bill in-

cludes an attempt to sort out service charges, introducing "management audits" and allowing tenants to inspect and copy accounts and receipts. Measures to make fund managers more accountable are welcome, but enabling tenants to audit their books is not enough.

It is an improvement on the 1985 act, which merely required service charge administrators to declare the balance of the fund if it was in credit, thus enabling them falsely to say the fund was in debit. The new provision still puts the onus on the tenant to investigate. Instead, the onus should be on the fund manager to be accountable and to account.

This balance sheet should

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also require the fund manager to declare commissions not paid into the fund. Many tenants are unaware that landlords earn large commissions from insurance companies. This is just one reason why some landlords are reluctant to sell their freeholds.

Next, the 1985 act, requires the landlord to provide two estimates before starting substantial building works, and allows one contractor to have a connection with the landlord. Allowing the tenants to obtain an estimate would be fairer. Lastly, service charge ad-

ministrators are required to be trustees under the 1987 act. Investment income earned by a trust fund incurs tax with an extra 10 per cent. Most tenants, as basic rate taxpayers, are losing this 10 per cent but would retain it if they could invest the money. The author is a partner of

Francis Russell, a firm of surveyors

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Happy to be free



leaseholder: A year ago, l bought freehold

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north London, Until then, the 14 flats in our block were run by a management company for a freeholder. We wanted to buy the freehold.

The most obvious benefit of freehold is financial. As a leaseholder, I paid about £70 a month in ground rent and "service charges". These charges covered the cost of having the stairs inadequately vacuumed and the garden infrequently tidied up. Sometimes, the charge did not cover the cost of any repairs necessary to the exterior or the common parts.

Spurred on by the efforts of a dynamic and, when the need arose, bellicose, Scottish journalist in flat four, we mercilessly pressed the management company to sell us the freehold. although it was under no statutory compulsion to do so.

We complained, we queried, we harried. And then we went on service charge strike (while continuing, for legal reasons, to pay the ground rent) for about six months. The company relented, and we bought the freehold for £15.000. At about £1,600 a flat (including legal fees and a full survey) the price was high. but the the outlay is well worth it. We reduced the annual service charge to £500 a flat, including many small

We were able to employ our own choice of work people. What is more, we now do a lot of the jobs ourselves. A lawyer does the administration, a stockbroker does the books, a journalist does the hassling and chivvying for cheques. Me? I do the bins. A yuppie commune? Absolutely, and why not?

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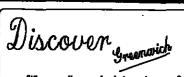
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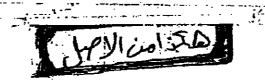
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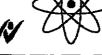
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Games group faces dilemma over Nebiolo's role



Nebiolo: controversy

thletics, showpiece of the Olympics, made a financial loss on the Games in Barcelona. This astonishing revelation by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, contrasted against the four-year Olympic revenue (1989-92) of \$1.9 billion, is the fundamental line of debate at a series of neetings here this week.

Following the success of Barcelona, it is no exaggera-tion to say that the Olympic movement has never been stronger, yet simultaneously never more vulnerable. Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International finds himself a lion-tamer in a cage of lions that are hungry but, as yet, not angry.
While Samaranch attempts

this week to appease each lion individually — the international sports federations, the 172 national Olympic com-mittees (NOCs), who hold their congress here, and the Adanta organising committee

the bidding host cities for
also all present vying for a seat in the cage. Also present are representa-

tives of golf and women's football, parading their wares and hoping for inclusion in 1996, and others such as triathlon, seeking admission for 2000. The IOC executive board will finalise, in this connection, the debating schedule for the Congress of 1994, which will determine the fragile future of the billion-dollar circus. On the periphery, the pay-

masters, sponsors and tele-

of Olympic interests in Acapulco which could have a bearing on the event's future

David Miller reports on the gathering

sultation with their At the centre of the athletics controversy sits, inevitably, Primo Nebiolo, president of both IAAF and, until next March, the Association of Summer Olympic Interna-tional Federations (ASOIF). Negotiations behind closed doors all week will resolve whether ASOIF decides, next Monday, to change against its constitution to allow Nebiolo

to remain president, and lead

collective demand to the

vision networks anxiously fin-

ger their chequebooks in con-

increase in Olympic revenue

The IAAF's technical costs in administering athletics at Barcelona amounted, they claim, to \$1.6 million. Their equal share of the television rights revenue granted to the 25 sports federations was \$1.5 million; that is, about 0.05 per cent of the gross revenue, even though contributing, apart from other factors, some 250 hours of television time.

Together with swimming, basketball, football, gymnastics and the rest, the LAAF

consider their share is derisory; that it is inequitable for host cities to take approxi-mately two-thirds of the reve-nue for reshaping that city's social infrastructure. The controversy within a controversy is whether the other federa-tions will agree to rally behind Nebiolo, or seek a new president - as they must under the existing constitution — from a lesser federation and thereby lose their collective bargaining power, with the probability that Nebiolo would plough a lone furrow in pursuit of a dominant share.

Samaranch has unofficially acknowledged that the federations should have more, and there is talk of doubling the \$36 million. ASOIF consider that is not enough. Next Monday, or maybe sooner,

will be revealed the latest shift in the balance of power. The NOCs, meanwhile, under the leadership of Mario Vazquez Raña, are not willing to see the federations greedily extending their power base at the expense of the competi-tors arm within the quadrangle of IOC, host city-international federations, and NOCs. The IOC's own financial share of the cake,

incidentally, is 7 per cent.
ASOIF is split into several factions, and recently Dennis Oswald, from Switzerland, president of rowing as well as being an IOC member, called special ASOIF meeting, following which he, Reuben Acosta, of volleyball, and Mustapha Larfaoui, of Algeria, president of swimming, were appointed to study the

majority now layour retaining Nebiolo by some means or

Samaranch needs to keep Nebiolo "on side", because he is dependent upon athletics resisting prize money payments at next year's world championships in Stattgart, a foot-in-the-door for prize-money demands at the Olympic Games, which could sound the Olympic death

The executive board will study Atlanta's request for the inclusion of golf, while the European NOCs will propose to the NOC congress a system of wild-card entry for smaller countries' competitors as a protection against the exclusivity of tougher qualifying standards and quotas.

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Baneriee

confirms

an exciting

potential

By RICHARD STREETON IN SPRING, SOUTH AFRICA

THERE were three more wickets for the fast-medium

bowler, Subrata Baneriee, which gave him eight for 70 in the match, as the Indians

rapidly completed victory against the Combined Bowl XI here yesterday. Only another 75 minutes were

needed before the Indians

won by an innings and 241

Banerjee, 23, moved the hall about freely off the seam as he confirmed his potential

as a Test bowler. England will recall him hitting a straight six

and running out three part-

ners in a World Cup match.

His second name is Tara,

which translates as star, and

he clearly has the promise to

Banerjee and Jadeja and Manjrekar, the two batsmen, were the outstanding perform

ers as the Indians gave an impressive showing in their

first serious game, even if their opponents claim to first-class

atus has to be queried. Meanwhile, Clive Rice and

the South African authorities have settled the long-running controversy that followed his

exclusion from the World Cup

party. Keith Mackerdhuj, the

dent, met Rice "to clear the

air" and said afterwards the player was now available for

representative selection. Rice could play in the one-day

internationals against India.

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French referee appointed to match

South Africans out for fresh start against Midlands

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS will be a testing week for the South Africans. After opening the English section of their tour against the Midland Division at Leicester today, they meet a strong England B side in Bristol on Saturday. when they will be less than overjoyed to find a French

referee handling the game. Since they left France last weekend, casting doubt on either the adequacy or the honesty of the officials who refereed their final two games there - both lost - they will treat the appointment of Joel Dume with caution. The Frenchman, of course, was given the job in September, before the South Africans left home, but events since then have soured the touring party.

At least they will not grum-ble at today's official, Jim Fleming, of Scotland, one of the game's most experienced referees. Nor will they lack for atmosphere. Welford Road, though unlikely to be full for a match which is being televised live (no tickets are on sale today) will be occupied by 13,500 spectators, some of whom may have been present in November 1969 when the South Africans last visited

On that occasion they beat a Midland Counties Fast XV 11-9 and endured a barrage of protest. This week has seen echoes of those bygone days: their coach (the wheeled one,

ROBERT Jones, the first play-er from the British Isles to

sample the playing standards

of the touring South Africans,

warns against complacency

when playing them (Chris Thau writes). The Welsh

made a great contribution to

wrong with South Africa.

They suffer from lack of expo-

sure to various playing styles

and approaches. They have

been isolated for too long and

their game suffered according-

"There are aspects of their

game which need attention;

like ball retention for example.

But they certainly have the

physical presence, the size and, when they spin the ball,

demands of the modern game

and the only way to do that is by playing against increasing-

feels that somehow they are

too keen to do well. They tend

to over commit themselves in

tackie, for example. They are

so eager to knock the opposi-

tion down they sometimes

TODAY'S game against

Swansea, the first of seven fixtures in Wales, is yet

another in which the Austra-

lians increasingly glowing

The team shows seven play-

ers who won last Saturday in Dublin. Paul Kahl at stand-

off half, will be paid special

attention as his form may well

The team finds itself without

determine Australia's course.

its outstanding half backs -

reputation will be put on the

line (Gerald Davies).

Kahl under scrutiny

"They must adapt to the

stronger opposition. One

ly." Jones said

the talent out wide.

"Overall there is nothing

the Barbarians' 25-20 win.

Jones warns teams

facing tour side

not John Williams) has been daubed by anti-apartheid demonstrators, as have some of the gates of the Welford Road ground and a march is planned for this afternoon.

Wahi Bartmann will captain South Africa in the absence, through injury, of Tiann Strauss and he spoke yesterday, after training at the Syston club, of making a fresh start after the rigours of France. We are looking forward to ending the tour on a high note." the flanker said. suggesting a possible change to his team's playing pattern. That may not be easy against a Midlands side with

five B internationals in the backs and five senior internationals in the pack, led by the formidable Dean Richards. Seven of the team enjoy the comfort of their own club ground and an eighth, Rob Tebbutt, spent many seasons there before moving to Northampton.

The national and divisional selectors have, by close cooperation, made sure that as many prospective internationpossible can be seen against the touring side. Thus, for example, Phil Lancaster has been chosen to prop for the North in the game at Elland Road, Leeds, next Tuesday ahead of Martin Hynes, who is confined to the bench because he plays for England B this weekend.

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against England is concerned.

Jones felt that the gap between

degree of control up front.
The outcome of the inter-

national will depend very

much on the way England

play. If they manage to get a bit of control they will be hard

to beat. But I can't see them

winning by more than 20

points. I think that South

Africa, playing a style roughly similar to that of England,

could be difficult not to crack."

Eric Champ, the French flanker who had a stormy

game against the South Afri-

cans in Lille confirmed Jones's

assessment. "It was a super

encounter; hard and fair. I loved it," he said. "The South

Africans are incredibly strong.

but also a bit naive. Once they

settle down, they could be a very difficult side to beat."

Farr-Jones through retirement

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Welsh rugby's progress at club

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Swansea, fielding 12 inter-

"Because they have just

at 100 miles an hour.

The North have discounted Dooley. Morris, Rodber, Hunter and Rory Underwood as likely to be required by England on November 14 while Tony Underwood is unavailable. But their longterm planning has had this in mind and though Nigel Heslop appears both for them and for England B four days earlier, that is the only overlap.

The evergreen Steven Bainbridge plays lock: he won 18 caps between 1982 and 1987. Now, at 36, he is playing with great enthusiasm for Newcastle Gosforth, who lead the second division and his pairing with Kevin Westgarth means no place for David Baldwin, Sale's England B lock.

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SOUTH AFFICA XV: T van Rensburg; D. Oostbuysen, F. Knoetze, D. Gerber, P. Hendriks; H. H. Roux, G. Wright: H. Rodgens, W. Hills, K. Andrews, W. Bertmann (capt), H. Hattlingh, P. Schule, I. Macdonald, A. Richter. J. Reieree; J. Fleming (Scotland). Leeds, November 10): J Mallinder (Sale); N Hastop (Chell), B Bartley (Walsaleth), K Strums (Liverpool St. Helens, capt), S Bromley (Rugby); G Ainscough (Orrell), D Scully (Walsaleth); P Lancasar (West Hartlepool), S Mitchell (West Hartlepool), M Whitcombre (Sale). M Greenwood (Wasps), K Westgarth (West Hartlepool), S Ballbridge (Newcastle Goelorth), M Pepper (Nottingham), A MacCartane (Sale). Replacaments: J Flescher (Tynedalc), P Grayson (Walsros), S Douglas (Newcastle Goslorth), M Hynes (Orrell), N Frankland (Newcastle Goslorth), S Gatlagher (Orrell).

Exiles out to extend activities

THIS season the Irish Exiles have entered the inter-provincial competition in Ireland for the first time and, as if to emphasise the talent that works its way into England from the three other home Old Deer Park this weekend featuring Ireland, Wales and Scotland

This could be the precursor to an exiles tournament at senior level, although with moves being discussed to bring the Scottish districts and the Irish provinces closer together, an extension of the principle may have to wait although the Welsh are said to be enthusiastic about the

possibility. The senior and under-21

The three games this weekend will be played with 30-minute halves, with the Welsh Exiles meeting the Scots on Saturday. On Sunday the Irish play the Scots in the morning and the Welsh in the

lines the need for careful development of the game: both Ireland and Wales, for example, have achieved notable successes at schools and youth level over the past few seasons, when their senior sides have struggled. ☐ The Scotland players, Andrew Nicol, scrum half, and Alan Watt, prop, have been named in the Scottish Stu-dents team to face Oxford

University at Meggetland on



Tse helps to lighten the gloom

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis correspondent

ENCOURAGING victories for two juniors at the Volkswagen national champion ships yesterday brightened a day traditionally given over to a review of the ills of British tennis. Sara Tse, who has been the No. 1 player in the Isle of Man since the age of 11, beat Karen Hunter 6-4, 6-3 and Lorna Woodroffe conher recent improvement by upsetting Clare Wood, the former national champion, also in

straight sets. Otherwise, the dominant sounds at the Telford Racquet Centre were the despairing cries of those who believed that there might have been some improvement over the past 12 months. Jo Durie, the one international-class player

future looked even bleaker than usual. "I have watched a few matches here this week and really the standard is not that high. Everyone is trying very hard, but I know what the real world is like," she said. Durie, at least, is trying to put her money, or rather her time.

where her mouth is. In an effort to get more children hooked on the game from an early age, she has set up a pilot scheme in Essex to get more coaches into primary schools. The project is a drop in the ocean, but Durie is convinced that the only way forward is to think big. "We have to go to every part of the country so that masses of youngsters get interested in a tennis ball and not a foot-

According to the British No. 1. movement and attitude are the two key qualities for future champions. Tse - pronounced "chair" - passes on both counts, but, at 17, is approaching the leap from talented schoolgiri to full-time professional which has seen

so many fall in recent years. Having survived an upbringing on the Isle of Man, which has no indoor courts, she has moved to the mainland and has an refreshingly positive attitude to the game. As soon as the ball comes, I want to belt it," she said. She did so too hard and too consistently for Hunter and now plays Julie Sahnon, who thrashed the No. 5 seed, Shirli-Ann Siddall. Annabel Croft came to the

end of her short run in

Telford, losing a battle of attrition 6-4, 7-5 to Sarah Bentley after leading 5-1 in the second set. "It was a bit more like the real thing." Croft said. Presumably, she was not referring to defeat.

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RESULTS: Women: Second round: S Tse flotily by K Hurter (Surrey), 6-4, 6-3; V-Humphrey-Davies (Cambs) by IB Borneo (Bedei), 6-4, 7-5; A Wehnwight (Essen) by C Billingham (Occi), 6-4, 6-4; A Simpton (Leica) by K Cross (Devon), 6-3, 5-7, 9-0; V Lake (Devon) by J Wood (Middol), 6-4, 7-6; S Gomer (Devon) by C Spencer (Middol), 6-4, 6-2; A Grunfald (Lancs) by C Tsylor (Ourr), 6-1, 6-4; J Duffe (Peorn) by K Rickett (Derbys), 6-1, 6-3; S Bentiey (Surrey) by A Croft (Nent), 6-4, 7-5; L Ah (Devon) by F Stoner (Surrey), 0-6, 6-2; 6-2; C Hunt (Dorset) by J Capien (Hants & JoW), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; C Heil (Dorset) by J Capien (Hants & JoW), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; C Heil (Dorset) by J Surroun (Sussey) by C Wood (Sussey), 6-4, 6-2; J Suffron (Sussey) by H Membrase (Berts), 6-1, 6-3; B Griffiths (Middol) by F Heam (Middol), 6-2, 7-6; F Heand (Berts) by N Saghin (Chestrine), 6-4, 6-2; N Adams (Inseed) by Tominison (Middol), 7-6, 6-2; G Henderson (Yorks) by T Hemman (Coon), 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

80MING: Kapi Dev 12-6-16-1; Banerjee 19-10-29-5; Shanna 7-2-22-1; Raju 4-4-0-1; Kumbia 7-3-13-2. INDIANS: First Innings 556 for 3 dec (A D Jadeja 254 not out, S V Mantrekar 186).

Patel breaks through for **New Zealand**

Bulawayo: Heavy rain again cansed a lengthy hold-up to the first Test match between Zimbabwe and New Zealand yesterday and just 130 minutes of play was possible on the third day, bringing the total

time lost so far to ten hours. Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, declared at the overnight total of 325 for three but was unable to make any serious inroads into the Zimbabwe batting, daiming only one wicket in 41 overs. Zimbabwe, with nothing to play for but the draw, had crawled to 54 for one by the

Crowe maintained attacking fields and minutes before the end Grant Flower was caught for 29, attempting to

sweep Patel. Inadequate covering of the square prevented play until 3.40pm. Weather conditions were then perfect, hot with a drying wind, but water had got under the covers during the night.

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and M P Javyls to bar.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-54. BOWLING: Sura 4-1-10-0; Patel 18-7-24-1; Doubl 4-2-3-0; Watson 5-3-4-0; Hastern 11-8-12-0; Jones 1-0-1-0. Umpires: H D Bird (England); I D Robinson and K Kenjee (Zimbabwe).

scrum half played for the French Barbarians against the tend to be tense and overeager. They must sit back and relax a bit and the results will unions, an inaugural under-South Africans in Lille last weekend and his quicksilver 21 tournament will be held at service and tactical awareness As far as the international on view, had to admit that the

(David Hands the sides is just under 20 points, providing that England establish a reasonable writes).

selectors of all three countries will attend the tournament, which will be staged in future on a rotational basis - having begun at the home of London Welsh, it will also go to Sunbury (London Irish) and Richmond (London Scottish).

Such a tournament under-

NETBALL

New Zealand to give **England stern test**

By Louise Taylor

THE most important fortnight in the domestic calendar is under way. On Saturday New Zealand, second only to Australia in the world, face England at Wembley Arena. The fixture, which should

attract more than 8,000 spectators, will be broadcast live by the BBC on Grandstand and will also be shown by satellite in New Zealand, where netbali enjoys a considerably higher profile.

The three-match series then

moves on to the G-Mex centre, Manchester, next Thursday. The tour concludes at Leicester's Granby Halls on Saturday week. . In 38 meetings with New Zealand, England have won just once and drawn twice.

There is a little more cause for optimism this time because England have an experienced squad and New Zealand are still in the process of making a relatively new team gel.

Bernice Mene will be making her debut for New Zealand. At 17 and 6ft 2in, she is

both the youngest and tallest

player involved in the series. Mene will be deployed in the defensive role she has adopted since New Zealand arrived in England for a series of warm-up matches last Wednesday.

The economic recession dictated that the All England Netball Association (AENA) was unable to find a sponsor for the series and found itself faced with a £12,000 bill for the production costs involved broadcasting the Manchester and Leicester tests on BBC2 — they will be transmitted on successive Sport on Friday programmes. Happily a letter written by Liz Nicholl, the AENA's chief

executive, to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts led to a grant which will cover costs. Nicholl though is yet to find a sponsor that will enable her to return the grant. As AENA begin the build-up to hosting champions.

the 1995 world championship in England, Nicholl has an acute need of a big backer to underwrite her plans to further raise netball's profile.

BASKETBALL

Guildford unable to contain prolific Irish

By NICHOLAS HARLING

WHETHER it has been at club or international level, Colin Irish has hardly managed to make things comfortable this season for Kevin

As coach of Guildford Kings, Cadle could have done without the prolific Irish's marksmanship for Worthing Bears. As the England coach, Cadle could doubtless have done with Irish in the team that meets Russia in Manchester next week, in the European championship semi-final round.

Irish followed his 24 points for Worthing at Guildford three weeks ago with another in the return fixture. Guildford went down again, 84-72, and have now suffered three defeats in the Carlsberg League, as many as in the whole of last season when, known as Kingston, they were

Guildford had few answers to the enterprise of Irish, who insisted that his withdrawal from the England squad has nothing to do with Cadle's

decision to omit him from the Kingston and Great Britain

squads in the summer.
Confused by Worthing's
zone defence, Guildford
trailed 25-14 before rallying to 38-35 at the interval. A technical offence against Cadle six minutes after the resumption for criticising the officials left them with too much to do in front of a partisan capacity home crowd.

While Worthing, in second place, were winning, so too-were the leaders, Thames Valley Tigers, who beat Old-ham Celtics 87-64. In the absence of Tom Hancock. who had flu, Yaro Martyniuk, the Oldham director, coached the home side for the first time

Henel Hempstead Royals introduced their new American. Mike Niggli, who scored 19 points in the 83-81 home defeat of Sunderland. The weekend's top marksman was Niggli's compatriot, Billy Singleton, who scored 39 points in Birmingham's 90-84 success at Leicester.

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Maria and and a series

SWEET Duke, with Carl Liewellyn in the saddle, can continue Nigel Twiston-Davies's fine start to the season by winning the Tom Masson Trophy at Newbury today, and he is my nap.

Peter Scudamore, now reoutred by Martin Pipe to ride Diamond Cut, was aboard the five-year-old when he won at Chepstow early last month.

However, Llewellyn had ridden him the time before at Perth. where he was the second leg of his stable's famous four-timer.

The second second second Discussing Sweet Duke yesterday, Twiston-Davies said: "He's in very good nick and the more rain, the better." So the deluge, which soaked the Berkshire track during Monday morning, was like sweet music in his ears.

Baneria able to get in a blow at the useful Staunch Friend on his last visit to today's course 12 days ago — he was beaten 12 lengths by Staunch Friende who was never off the bit—the main danger to Sweet Duke is likely to come from the David Nicholson-trained Baydon

He made that good start to his season at Ascot a fortnight ago by beating the subsequent ago by beauing the sales and Huntingdon winner Cadency. However, I feel that the task of giving 4lb to Sweet Duke will prove just too much here for this nice young half-brothMICHAEL PHILLIPS

Baydon Star's trainer and jockey, David Nicholson and Richard Dunwoody, can land the Lionel Vick Memorial Handicap Chase though with Tag Of Gold.

On his seasonal debut at Utitoxeter, Tug Of Gold trounced Rio Haina at a difference of 23lb.

At Warwick last Saturday, Rio Haina put that performance into perspective when he won his next race, easing down by six lengths.

With one eye on the Hennessy Gold Cup, run on the same course later this month, it will be interesting to see how the top weight, Henry Mann, fares in this his first race since the spring.
His trainer Simon Christian

feels that he will probably need the race to put him right. When last seen, at Cheltenham in April, Henry Marm finished two-and-a-half lengths ahead of Tug Of Gold when they were second and third respectively behind the eventual Whitbread winner,

Topsham Bay. At the earlier Cheltenham festival, Henry Mann had been runner-up to Tipping

That particular meeting had proved good for the connections of both Keep disappointing for Springaleak who had won her previous five

Now Keep Talking will be having his first race for his current owner, the Queen Mother, since he was bequeathed to her in the will of

the late Jim Joel. Solidasarock, Country Member and Kentish Piper, who represents Nick Gaselee instead of the course specialist

Mr Entertainer, are others who should give a good account of themselves. Retail Runner, who impressed at Ascot a formight ago, is just preferred to the National Hunt Festival winner Dusty Miller for the Halloween Novices' Chase, while the Winterbourne

Handicap Chase can go to the Tim Forster-trained Amari King for the second year in At Utioxeter, all eyes will be on that talented hurdler Sybillin, who starts his steeplechasing career in the

the Moira Hooley-Betting Spy Novices' Chase. He has the ability to succeed for his trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald, whose horses are running well again.

Further north, Whaat Fettle (2.20) is taken to win his third race in a row at Kelso.

Another fancy is Clay County, who looks on a favourable mark for the BSkyB Handicap Chase, receiving a stone from

er to those good chasers, Rubstic and Kildimo. Moment Of Truth Macready is new BHB deputy

British Horseracing Board (BHB) were filled yesterday with the election of Sir Nevil Macready, Michael Darnell

and Lord Swaythling. The trio will join eight other members in the new organisation to form the BHB's Industry Committee.

Macready, who has been chairman of the Horseracing Advisory Council since 1986. will be committee chairman. He defeated the former

Conservative MP Sir Peter Morrison, who had been promoted by the Trainers' Federation, for the post. Sir Nevil will automatically

become deputy chairman of the BHB. The trainers appear to have

more success with their behind-the-scenes promotions for the other two seats. Darnell owns horses trained in Newmarket by

MANDARIN

1.35 Retail Runner. 2.10 Tug Of Gold.

3.10 Welsh Singer. 3.40 Amari King. 4.15 Singers image.

going: good to soft

(£3,600, 3m) (11 runners)

2.40 SWEET DUKE (nap).

been on the board of Tesco for

Swaythling, who has horses in training with John Dunlop at Arundel, is a member of the Horserace Totalisator board

and is chairman of Rothmans.



Macready: filled one of three remaining places

NEWBURK

RICHARD EVANS: 1.35 Dusty Miller. 2.45 San Fernando.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.35 MAN ON THE LINE.

1 SEP-114 RABLAN FLORD 12 (F.E) (No. N Desiret) Afts P Desiret 8-11-5. P Holey 72
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6 P322FP MAN ON THE LINE 179 (D.F.G) (L Rundship 8 Archest 8-11-0. G McCount 93
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BETTING. 15-8 Resul Runner, 5-2 Dusty Maller, 4-1 Man On The Line, 8-1 Debith Flyer, 10-1 La Clenaga.
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2.10 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

1.35 HALLOWETEN NOVICES CHASE (£3,574: 2m 4f) (9 numers)

THUNDERER

2.40 Sweet Duke. 3.10 Stormhead.

1.35 Dusty Miller. 2.10 SPRINGALEAK (nap).

Hugh Collingridge. He has There are already four Jockey Club members on the board - Lord Hartington, David Oldrey, Christopher Spence and Lord Zetland.

The remaining members consist of two each from the Racecourse Association, Sir Paul Fox and John Sanderson, and the Racehorse Owners' Association, Peter Jones and Nick Robinson.

The Southwell management has given the go-ahead for a £250,000 improvement programme at the midlands

The work, expected to be completed within six months. includes narrowing of the Fibresand track, erecting accommodation for stable staff and car park improvements. Finance comes from the recent sale of land near the track for industrial

development.

Hannon defends **Piggott**

RICHARD Hannon, trainer of Mr Brooks, yesterday de-fended Lester Piggon's decision not to withdraw the horse at the start of the Breeders'

Cup Sprint. Piggott has come under fire from American observers after Walter Swinburn told reporters that Piggon said Mr Brooks "moved terribly" going to the start.

NBC's live coverage on Saturday night suggested that Piggott should have told the course vet of the problem. Hannon said any stiffness

would have had no connection with the broken leg which led to Mr Brooks's death. The horse was 100 per cent when he arrived in America and was 100 per cent right up

to the start of the race," he said. There was no way he would have been allowed to run if something was wrong.
"That sort of injury is a oneoff. It could happen any time. Everyone saw that the horse

was galloping well until there was a clean break of the leg. "It's difficult to understand why he might have been moving badly going to the start - perhaps it was the dirt or intense heat."

Piggott was still in the Hollywood Memorial Hospital yesterday, recovering from the injuries suffered in the fall. A hospital spokesman said yesterday: "He is in a stable, satisfactory condition. It is likely he will be kept in for another day."

Subzero wins slow-run Cup

SUBZERO, the 4-1 second favourite, slogged through the mud to win the £530,612 Fosters Melbourne Cup at

Flemington yesterday.
Ridden by Greg Hall,
Subzero struck the front with almost two furlongs to run and stayed on stoutly to beat the New Zealand-trained 9-4 favourite, Veandercross, by two-and-a-quarter lengths, with another New Zealand hope, Castletown, a length back in third.

It was local trainer Lee Freedman's second Cup triumph, following the 1990 victory of Tawrrific. Heavy morning rain

brought about the late defection of last year's winner, Let's Elope. The testing conditions were indicated by Subzero's winning time, 3min 24.7sec, almost eight-and-a-half sec-onds outside the course record. Placapot: £182,60.

FORM FOCUS

BETTING: 7-4 Stoomhead, 4-1 Yorkshire Gale, 11-2 Batzac Boy, 8-1 Welsh Singer, 10-1 Multinger Con. 12-1 Meyer and Co. 14-1 My Torbes, 16-1 Muydo.

1991; BAS DE LAME 5-11-0 J Ostome (6-1) O Sterwood 15 cm FORM FOCUS

3.40 WINTERBOURNE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,444: 2m 11) (8 runners)

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2.40 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE (£3,574: 2m.5f) (10 runners) 1991: PRIME DISPLAY 5-11-4 J (Inherite (4-1) () Sherwood 10 pm

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3		DAMD JOHN (Mrs D Barrington) S Christian 5-11-0
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Š	_	MULLINGAR CON (P Byrne) B Curtey 4-11-0.
5		MUNIKA (Carl E Emigros-Heathcone) P Habbs 6-11-0
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9		OVER THE POLE (Pell-melt Parmers) J Gliford 5-11-0 E Morphy
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7	32.	YORKSHIRE GALE 203 (B Naylor) J Glant 6-11-0
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BETTINGS - Program David The Green Wilson, 4-1 Acre Hill, 9-2 Annual King, 10-1 Wide Boy, 16-1 Green 20-1 Brindstell Car, 25-1 Briggs Builders. FORM FOCUS

GREEN WILLOW pest Blast a beck in a 5-turner (7m, good).
Handicap clase at Ascot (2m, soil). FRASRANT | Selection: GREEN WILLOW

4.15 COLD ASH NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,267: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

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Waterloo Boy takes revenge

Nicholson: enjoyed

turning the tables

similar route to last year on his

way to Cheltenham's champ-

ionship chase, taking in the

Tingle Creek, Castleford and

Andy Turnell blamed him-

self for Katabatic's defeat: "I

might have left him short of a

gallop," he admitted. "But he

was never going with his usual

fluency and is better on left-

handed tracks."

Victory Chandler Chases.

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WATERLOO Boy gained sweet revenge over Katabanc in Exerce's feature race yesterday and left his old rival's bigrace plans in shreds.

The leading two mile chasers had clashed on six previous occasions and each time Katabatic had come out on

top.

But there was to be no repeat performance as the 5-2 on favourite failed to sparkle in the two-and-a-quarter mile Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold

Golden Freeze cut out much of the early running but Waterloo Boy moved smoothly into the lead three out. Luke Harvey put Katabatic

under strong pressure, but never looked likely to make up the leeway and was five lengths down at the finish. Waterloo Boy had unseated his rider in this event two years ago and finished second last

His trainer, David Nicholson, said: "He deserved this. I hadn't realised that Katabaric had beaten us six times so it's

nice to reverse the placings." Waterloo Boy will follow a

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Hamilton Park

Going: Heavy
1.00 (Im 1/1 36yd) 1, AEGAEN LADY (J. Weaver, 10-1), 2, Nothing Domg (P. Bowe, 5-1), 3, Marowins (K. Fallon, 12-1), ALSO RAN, 17-2 fave Edments (4th), 4 Seathern, 9-2 Thisonesioratic (6th), 13-2 Essayetisee (6th), 10-4 Margon Ayr, 16 Media Messanger, 20 Murabil, Dancing Legend 11 ran 8, nk, rk, 24, hd. J. Etherington as Martin Tobe: E13-90; E3-80, (22-50, 22-40, DF: 128-11, 190 (E3-50), 12-80, 10-80

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1.30 (1m 65yd) 1, NORTHERN CHIEF (J. Cutrn, 12-1); 2, Key To My Heart (Dean McKeown, 9-2 Havi, 3, Shymon (Dale Geson, 9-1), ALSO RAN 9-2 Flav Palacegate Sunsei, 5 Brackenthwate, 7 Certam Way (6th), 9 Arin Hill, 10 Public Way (5th), 14 Nelle's Gemble (4th), 33 Frendly Krught, 50 Rose of Man, 11 ran 1-9, rik, 21, 41, 51 M H Easterby at Marton Total 221.50, £4.70, £2 10, £1 60, DF £82.50 CSF £58 46 Tricast £462.78

2.30 (61 Syd) 1. ANUSHA (J Canol, 5-4 fav): 2, My Batlyboy (B Raymond, 14-1), 3. Sebo The Hero (G Duffield, 7-2), ALSO RAN; 8 Bold Prospect (4th), Treble Lass, 10 Serah Heights (6th), 12 Primitive Gdf (5th), 16 Laid Back Ben. 8 ran 3 M; 34, 2M. 21, bi. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: 52-30; C1.40, 52.00, £1.30. DF; £9.00. CSF-517.82

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3.00 (6f 5yd) 1, HiNARI VIDEO (Dean McKeown, 12-1); 2, Toss The Dice (G Duffield, 14-1); 3, Rock Opera (K Fallon, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Johnston: Express (Str), 4 Verro (401), 5 Francs Ann, 8 Highborn (5th), 10 Verdani Boy, 8 an. 1-14, 4, 244, 41, sh hd. M Johnston at Middiehem. Tote: \$12.00; \$2.10, \$2.40, \$1.50. DF: \$61.60. CSF \$134.25 Tricast: \$255.88.89.

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3.30 (1m 4/ 17yd) 1, J P MORGAN (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Eurotwist (V Hailiday, 8-1), 3, Grey Power (K Derley, 2-1 fan), ALSO RAN; 11-2 Neieb (Sh), 7 Philipun (Sh), 12 Spray of Orchida, 14 Persusaha, Fishial (4th), 16 Buzzanda Crest, 20 Wotsamoria, 25 Saver's Garl, 33 Neotwood Poppy, 50 Invertiel, 100 Golden Beau, 14 ran Sh rid, 31, 41, 71, 11, M Neughton at Richmond. Tole: 69 10, 51 70, 53 40, 51.80. DF 987-20 CSF: 559 37. Tricast £142.31

Exeter

Going: good

1.20 (2m 2! hole) 1, GRAND HAWK (P
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Liewellyn, 9-4); 3, Cantoris Frater (Pater
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2.20 (2m 2f) 1. WATERLOO BOY (R Dunwood), 11-41; 2. Katabasic (L Harvey, 2-5 fav); 3. Golden Freeza (M Ptiman, 25-1) ALSO RAN* 25 Hogmanay (5lh), 80 Satist Country (4th), 5 ran 5, 12, 8t, 15. D. Nicholson at Temple Guting, Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £1.20 DF* £1.50, £3.29 8.

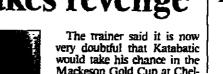
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2.50 (2m 2 hule) 1, TEXAS SCRAMBLE (R Stronge, 11-4 lav), 2, Elite Reg (J Osborne, 7-2); 3, Kalamoss (D Svyrme, 12-1), ALSO RAN; 9 Ašo Princasa, 10 Rich Prickings (M), 16 Hidden Flower, 20 Andy Jack, 33 Midas Well, 40 Super Beauty, 50 Coochie (Sh), Golden Proposal (8th), Biggraso, 68-220 (cu), 14 Red Jack (f), 12 Kentucky Chicken (pu), 15 rsn. 1.5, 15, 12, dist. C Prophem at Tauriton Tote £3.30, £1.70, £1.50, £3.70 DF- £5.10, CSF- £11.46 ET 50, E3.70 UP: 26.10, CSP ET1 46
3.20 (3m 1/1 ch) 1, ROMANY KING (R
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Boy (P Scudamore, Evens lav); 3, Woodgate (C Llewellyn, 7-1), ALSO RAN; 13-2
Topitham Bay (4th), 65 Montgomery (f), 5
ran, 21, 301, 21, G Balding at Dorchester.
Tote: 22.90; £1.40, £1.40, DF: £1.90, CSF
£4.60

24.60 (2m 2) hole) 1, BALLYSTATE (G Upton, 1-2 Fav); 2, Vicaroy Jester (A Le Jeune, 8-1); 3, Barley Mow (N Hawke, 20-1), ALSO RAN, 7-2 Shadeux, 44th, 12 Taylors Castle (5th), 5 ran 9, 33, 19, 10; C James at Newbury, Tote £150, £130, £2.90, DF-£3.40 CSF-£4.92 Placepot: £1.80.

Hereford Going; good to soft 1.10 (2m 11 hdle) 1, Aedesn (F Beggan, 6-5 fav); 2, Rock Hard (7-2); 3, Nazzaro (F0-1), 10 rsn. 4l, 2l. C Horgan, Tota; 22,40; 21,50, £1,80, £3,20, DF, £5,70, CSF, £5,69. 21.50, 21.80, 23.20. DF. 25.70, CSF: 25.88.

1.40 (3m 2f note) 1, Just Cracker (W Marston, 20-1); 2, Macks' Tycoon (10-1); 3, Caroline Rus (9-1); 4, Auvillar (6-1 (f-lav) Aloi 8-1 (f-lav). To ran, NR. Glebelands Gin. 15, 7, P. Lasch, Tote 238, 40, 24.00, 22.50, 27.30, 21.20. DF: 260.70 CSF: 2184.55. Thicast, 21.330.61. Glebelands Gif. (8-1) was deemed not to have started - rule 4 applies to altibers, deduction 10p in pound. 2,10 (2m-31ch), 1, Darré Say (0 Tegg. 11-8); 2, Bentonotog (8-11 tav); 3, Actillabus (33-1), 4 ran, 1,1,201. Mrs. H Parrott. Tote: 22.70 DF: \$1.70, CSF: \$2.77.

DF: \$7.70. (Ser. 12-27).
2-40. (Sm. 11. 110)d. ch) 1. Miss Fam. (D. Meredin, 6-1); 2. Point Made. (9-2); 3. Oublier J. Ennu. (8-1). Warleggan 6-4 law 9 ran. NR; Annie De Pomme. 251, 3/4. R. Dickin. Tote: \$5.50; \$1.70, \$1.30. \$1.80. DF: \$12.10. CSF: \$2.28. Tricast: \$201.59. DF: 12:10. USA 3.10 (2m 11 nde) 1, James The First (M A Fizzparaid, 9-2), 2, Mine's An Ace (14-1); 3, Black Joker (12-1) Piecol Lad 4-5 fav. 17 an. 4, 11 P Nichols Tote 12:50, 22:00, 52:70, 23:50 DF: £14.00. CSF. £59.74. 2.40 (2m ch) 1, Around The Horn (S McNeil, 15-8); 2, Golden Fare (20-1); 3, Aldrogton Beil (40-1), What's in Orbit 10-11 tax, Bran 3:1, 3:1, A Turnell Tote: 23.20, 21.30, 21.80, 22.80 DF 511-50 CSF 53.2-43



Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham a week on Saturday, and is likely to reappear in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow. Last year's Grand National runner-up, Romany King,

earned a 20-1 favourite quote with Ladbrokes for next year's Aintree spectacular with an impressive win in the Whitbread Pub Partnerships Handicap Chase. Confidently ridden by Rich-

ard Guest, he swept past the even-money favourite. Paco's Boy, after the last to foil a Peter Scudamore-Martin Pipe Toby Balding wants to give

Romany King an easy buildup to the National and will run him either run at Ascot later this month or in the SGB

Pipe and Scudamore had earlier completed a shortpriced double with Grand Hawk (evens) in the \$1 Austell Brewery Company Novices' Hurdle and Highland Spirit (5-4) in the Furguson Brewery Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Point meeting scheduled for a Sunday

CAMPAIGNERS for regular Sunday racing got another shot in the arm yesterday when the Jockey Club announced that a point-to-point meeting will be held on April

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25 next year. The Point-to-Point Owners' Association will organise the fixture at Ashorne, Warwickshire, with advice from the Jockey Club's Sunday racing committee on the necessary

legalities. David Pipe, the club's director of public affairs, said: "The the Jockey Club stewards have authorised this fixture because it will help to keep the issue of Sunday racing before the public at a time when the government is likely to be carrying out its promise to reform the Sunday trading laws.

"The necessary precautions will again be taken to prevent cash bets being placed on the course and, since no off-course betting is involved, the legal situation will be less complicated."

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MANDARIN 12.45 if You Say So. 1.15 Kushbaloo. 1.45 Dominant Serenade. 2.20 Whaat Fettle. 2.50 Cadency. 3.20 Clay County. 3.50 Nodform Wonder. THUNDERER

12.45 If You Say So. 1.16 Kushbaloo. 1.45 Eden's Close. 2.20 Whaat Fettle. 2.50 Cadency. 3.20 Clay County, 3.50 Nodform Wonder. RICHARD EVANS: 2.50 WILLIE SPARKLE (nap).

Going: Good (Chase Course) good, good to soft in

12.45 RADIO BORDERS MAIDEN HURDLE

(Amateurs: £1,660: 2m 6l 110yd) (15 runners) | National Structure | Nationa

9-4 Bee Dee Boy, 5-1 Parmers, 6-1 If You Say So, Veleta II, 8-1 Buston King, 12-1 Eastern Pleasure, Fast Fort, 14-1 Why Not Equiparte, 16-1 others. 1.15 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

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5-4 Kushtatoo, 7-2 Break The Cham, 11-2 Charming Gale, 13-2 Tres Amagos, 12-1 Gone Asany, 14-1 Irish Gent. 16-1 pihers. 1.45 MIDDLEMAS OF KELSO SCOTTISH BORDERS TROPHY JUVENILE HOVICES HURDLE

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GANE Mas A Sembanis 10-7 Mark Roberts (7)
HOT TIP 120F J Eyrs 10-7 A Meltinulisad 320 LIGHTNENG SPARK 4 (B) M Anson 10-7 ...
0 PRIDE OF PENDLE 21 B Wilkinson 10-7 ...

2.20 PAT declermont Challenge CUP

1 6-F4 STAY ON TRACKS 18 (0.F.6.5) W A Stephenson 18-12-0

2 1FP- SHOOM WIND 207 (D.F.S.5) M terrorood 9-11-11 P Never 3-4-51 INTERIM LIB 14 (C.D.F.G.5) Mr. S Bestitume 9-10-13 Mr. J Brachame 4 340- IN THE FASHION 198 (D.F.G.1 Mr. H BEII 10-10-10 Mrs. A Farrell 5-311 WINAAT FETTLE 18 (CD.5) G Rectards, 7-16-10 M. Motomy 5 When Fettle, 4-1 Shoom Wand & 18 Never 18 25 5-50 Mr. Makeney 4-6 Whose Fettle, 4-1 Shoon Wald &-1 Inseren Lib. 8-1 Stay On Track; 14-1 to The Fastson

2.50 SCOTTISHPOWER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,262: 2m 110vd) (10)

1 305- SWEET CTY 175 (D.S.) G Robards 7-12-0 ... D Barry (7)
2 421 CADERICY 11 (D.S.) M 10-rolans 4-11-12 ... R Campbell
3 111- MAZIMOR 298 (CD.F.G.) A Extent 6-11-11. Mr R Hate (7)
4 6-00 PERY SUN 21 (V.D.F.) R cam 7-11-7 ... D Berstey (5)
5-43 PLOWING RIVER 32 (D.F.S.) A late 6-10-7 ... 8 Store
6 -125 FAMELY LINE 14 (D.S.S.) Mcc. I. Perran 4-10-0 ... L D'Hara
7 11-5 STROMG VIEWS 21 (D.F.S.) W A Stephencon 5-10-5 Mr A Thomston (5) B P1-2 WILLE SPARKLE 42 (D.F) Mr. S Badgurre (-1.0 A Drinery 9 34-P GREY MERUM 21 (D.S) Mr. S Taylor 5-10-0 ... G Harder 10 6/56 PT PONY 25 (D.6.S) Mex L Perrat 8-10-0 ... C Grant 3.4 Strong Views, 3-1 Cartency, 5-1 Sweet City, 8-1 Family Line, 12-1 Flowing timer, Willie Spanise, 14-1 Flowing Sun, 16-1 others.

3.20 BSKYB HANDICAP CHASE (£3,436: 2m 1f) (6)

T -114 MOMENT OF TRUTH 14 (CD,F.G,S) P Moments 8-12-0 2 112- CLAY COUNTY 263 (CD.BF.F.G.S.) R Alan 7-11-0 B Storey 3 1152- PALM READER 14 (D.F.) W A Stephenson 8-10-12 C Grant 4 29-0 ASTON EXPRESS 25 (B.G.S.) G Mode 9-10-11 ... J Callagina 5 194- NIGHT GLIEST 186 (CD.BF.F.G.S.) P Modella 10-10-0 6 UP-2 SONSIE MO 20 (F.S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-0 A Oris 7-4 Moment Of Truft. 2-1 Clay County, 4-1 Palm Reader, 6-1 Aston Express. 10-1 Highli Guest, 14-1 Sonsie Mo.

3.50 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,940: 2m 6f 110yd) (10)

1 421/ SHLEROVE PLACE 760 (CD.F.G.S) Mrs S Brandi 10-11-10
J Barks (7)
2 243- FRM PRICE 271 (CD.F.G.) Mrs G Reveloy 11-11-7
P Novan
3 014- PESTIVAL FANCY 181 (CD.BF.G.) Mrs G Reveloy 5-11-3
R Hodge (3) 4 13-4 CELTIC BREEZE 18 (V.D.G.S) M Maughton 9-11-2. J Catholic (S) 5 F651 MODEURIM WONDER 5 (F.G.) D Edny 5-10-13 (Ged.) ... D Byrter 6 4152 MODIAND LAD 20 (F.S.) J Eye 7-10-9 A Mautholiand 7 1441 PALM HOUSE 18 (C.F.G.S.) 6 Kindratis (7-10-7.... 8 Harding (7) 8 3U4- CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 158 (CD.F.G.S.) Mrs J Goodstoles (5-11-6-8 Employer) 5-10-5 B Story 9 014/ EQUENOCTIAL 543 (CD.F.S) M Docs 7-10-5 A Mentigan 10 -411 FURRY BABY 22 (G.S.) M Aylson 5-10-0 L Midianey (7)

15-8 Nodiorm Wonder, 9-4 Pain Housa, 5-1 Celtic Breeze, 7-1 McGand Lad, 12-1 Charlotte's Emme. Firm Price, 14-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: W Sample, 4 winners from 10 numers, 40 0%, Mrs 6 Reveley, 24 from 85, 28 2%, G Richards, 37 from 139, 26.6%; T late, 6 from 34, 25.0%, M Hammond, 9 from 43, 20.9%, 6 Moore, 16 from 85, 18 9%. SCI, 10 PA., 20 Winners from 105 rides, 25 7%; M Moloney, 7 from 36, 19.4%, Mrs A Farrell, 4 from 21, 19.0%, L O'Hasa, 13 from 72, 18.1%; C Garri, 18 from 104, 17.3%, R Hodge, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

UTTOXETER

MANDARIN 1.30 Prince Tino. 2.00 Don't Buck. 2.30 Sybillin. 3.00 Black Jewel. 3.30 Glen Cherry. 4.00 Sillers Stalker. THUNDERER 1.30 Smiles Ahead, 2.00 Dont Tell The Wife. 2.30

Sybillin. 3.00 Secret Summit. 3.30 Rehab Venture. 4.00 Transmit. GOING: GOOD 1.30 ELSIE PARK-SUN RATINGS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,800: 2m) (9 runners)

7-2 Smiles Aheed, 5-1 Have A Mightcap, 11-2 Prince Tino, 7-1 Sobrab, 8-1 Abburk, 12-1 Solo Cornel, Weekstay Cross, 16-1 others. 2.00 JASON FOSTER-RACEWORD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,679: 3m 100yd) (13)

| 1 -514 ROCHESTOWN LASS 20 (V.C.S) P Daten 6-10-12 ... N Mann 2 -503 BROKE THE BAIRK 28 W Aemo 5-10-11 ... K Jones 3 -54 CRYSTAL MONSTREL 207 J Edwards 5-10-11 ... N Williamson 4 43P DARE DARGO 14 R Weeme 5-10-11 ... J A Harris 5 -25 DARGARGOOK 20 D Gandotio 5-10-11 ... B Power 6 -23 DON'T BUCK 11 J Upon 5-10-11 ... B Symple 7 P2-3 DON'T BUCK 11 J Upon 5-10-11 ... R Symple 7 P2-3 DON'T BUCK 11 J Upon 5-10-11 ... R Symple 7 P2-3 DON'T BUCK 11 J Upon 5-10-11 ... A Magnire 8 P23 PAR AWON 198 A DROCKO 7-10-11 ... H Devies 8 P23 PAR AWON 198 A DROCKO 7-10-11 ... B Bazin (7) 10 20 GARTH SUBMIT 25 (8F) N TWISION DAWAR 4-10-10 D Bridgmeter 11 00-4 GRANESDEAL BLEGAL 20 Miss 5 Wilton 4-10-10 L Lawrence 12 10F REVION 344 (F) P Daton 5-10-6 ... Miss J Paris 13 PRV THAKA 588 J Processing 6-10-6 ... Miss J Paris 13 Dawner 3 Dawner 13 Dawner 3 Dawner 14 Dawner 3 Dawner 15 Dawner 15 Dawner 3 Dawner 15 Dawner 16 Dawner 17 Dawner 17 Dawner 18 Dawner

2.30 MORRA HOOLEY-BETTING SPY NOVICES CHASE (£1,450; 2m) (6)

3-1 Touch at Whater, 7-2 Don't Tell The Wile, 5-1 Crystal Mass, 8-1 Don't Buck, 10-1 Rochestown Lass, 12-5 Grangedeal (Negal, 14-1 Others.

3.00 DAVID WOOLLETT-COMPUTERCARD CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,647: 2m) (15)

7-2 Secret Symmit, 4-7 Black Jewel, 11-2 Vicerry Gem, 8-1 Metterrich, 18-1 Lide Big, 12-1 Pain-N-Sun, Band of Hope, 16-1 others.

3.30 DERRICK KNIGHT-TEMPLEGATE HANDICAP

1-7 Glen Cherry, 9-2 Farrantory, 5-1 Richalo Veniure, 14-1 Unicol, 20-1 Democrati

4.00 DAVID NORRIS-TOM PEPPER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,773: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 04-0 DUNCAN IDAHO 11 (CD.G.S) R Callow 9-12-0. C Maud 2 680 MONETARY FUND 288 (D.S) Mrs P Jonnes, 8-11-13 9 111- SILARS STALKER 30F (C.F.E) Mrs J Ramsdon 4-10-7
10 023- SAN FRANCISCO JOE 259 A Descon 8-10-6. ... H Devices
11 3/34 AMDREWS FRST 16 M Wittness 15-10-2. ... M Lynch
12 4PI3 NLINS JEWEL 27 (CD.F.G.) J Bagder 5-10-0. ... D Tegg
13 11-4 8A-FRAIN QUEEN 28 (F.G.) (23) C Smith 4-10-0. ... M Ranger
14 1P-6 MOHEL 15 (D.F.P Manphy 5-10-0. ... R Farrant (S)
15 3/PP VIRING VENTURE 2 (G.S.) Mrs J, Jewell 7-10-0. M NON-AUMINS
16 -550 COMEY DOVE 11 (F) R Price 7-10-0. ... D Lealty (7)
17 -00P BARFALD HILL 14 (S) B Severs 7-10-0. ... M Sevens (7)
18 -8FI MRSS CAPULET 28 T Domesty 5-10-0. ... T Eley (7)
-1 Silbars Savies 5-1 Mohell, 6-1 Andrins', First, 8-1 Countribud, 10-1 Durican

4-1 Silburs Station, 5-1 Majobell, 6-1 Andrew's First, 8-1 Counterfood, 10-1 Duncan Idaho, Transmit, 12-1 Yours Jewel, Coney Dove, 14-1 Charsto Forte, Manner's Secret, 20-1 others **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: M Tompides, 5 winners from 9 numers, 55.6%, T Forstet. 7 from 21, 33.3%, A Forstet., 3 from 12, 25.0%, N Twiston-Davies, 7 from 29, 24.1%; 1 King, 7 from 30, 23.3%, N Gaselee, 4 from 19, 21.1%. OCKEYS: Jacqui Oliver, 3 wayners from 6 rides, 50,0%; T Eley, 5 from 18, 27,8%; N Williamson, 9 from 41, 22,0%; M Dayer, 9 from 63, 14,3%; B Powell, 5 from 35, 14,3%; N Mann, 3 from 25, 12%.

Berry lands 15-1 double

HAMILTON has always his winning tally this year to been one of Jack Berry's 106. happiest hunting grounds. and the Cockerham-based trainer was yesterday in fine form, landing a 15-1 double at the track's final meeting of the season.

Hisstable jockey John Carroll partnered both winners, making all the running in each case. The double took Carroll's

UTTOXETER CURRAGH score this year to 67 but, more Berry struck with Soba significantly, made it 50 win-

Guest and Anusha, who took ners on Berry-trained horses. en de la composition della com

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ALL COMMENTARIES 268

Tapie's rebuilding looks shaky

Marseilles look for Völler to provide kick-start to season

WHEN Bernard Tapie dismantled the Marseilles side successive French league championship last season, he did so with one purpose in mind: to build a team capable of winning the European Cup. He may wish he had left well an encouraging start, has not alone this evening.

Four successive titles and an appearance in the champions' cup final were not enough to satisfy Tapie. The team, he felt, would never be good enough to win European football's biggest prize and thus Jean-Pierre Papin, Chris Waddle, Trevor Steven and Carlos Mozer, the gifted Brazilian sweeper, were shipped out of the Stade Velodrome to make way for, among others, Rudi Völler. Yet of all the big guns aiming at a place in the competition's semi-final round-robin stage tonight, Marseilles seem least sure of

reaching the target.
Dinamo Bucharest, the Romanian champions, did not merely hold Tapie's team to a goalless draw in their second round, first leg meeting a fortnight ago, they were unlucky not to walk away with a comfortable win. Unless Marseilles improve considerably in the return, Bucharest will leave Tapie, the French club's demanding president, soulsearching furiously.

STUART Bell, a Solihuli fig-

ure skater, suffered the

excrutiating experience for the

third time on Monday night of surrendering the British

junior championship at Mil-

ton Keynes after having won

the first element of the

This time he was overtaken

not only by Stuart Clays, the

new champion from Deesside,

but also by his club colleague.

For all his experience in the

competition, Bell is only 17

and will have another chance

also entered for the senior

championship, knowing that

tonight's free skating final for

men offers him yet another

opportunity to show his true

Clavs was drawn to skate

last, which conferred a definite

tactical advantage on the

Having seen Bell and, to a

lesser extent, Bradley falter.

unhinged respectively by dou-

ble axel and triple salchow,

Clays's wily trainer. Keith

Kelley, decided that two pro-

More immediately, he has

to redeem himself next year.

competition.

Stuart Bradley.

The pressure will sit particularly heavily on Völler's shoulders. Brought specifically from AS Roma to replace Papin, the experienced German, 32, has found the task every bit as difficult as he suspected. Papin's goals were largely responsible for lifting Marseilles to the pinnacle of French football; Völler, after

scored for six matches. Always confident of his own abilities, he said of the visit of Dinamo: "Every forward goes through a lean spell. I've been around long enough to know there's an end to everything. We'll be more aggressive than in Bucharest. I think we'll see some goals." But the concern within the

club - and the effect of Papin's summer move to AC Milan - were clear in the wary comments of Bernard Casoni, the captain: "Last year, when we weren't playing well, we usually managed to score and that made all the difference. We are just not scoring as regularly this sea-

In contrast, the Dinamo coach, Alexandru Moldovan. was optimistic. "Marseilles will have to come at us and I believe that will give us the chance to score," he said. "That means they will have to score twice and quite honestly they don't look capable of it." Papin, meanwhile, is likely

to feature in Milan's second leg against Slovan Bratislava, of Czechoslovakia. Marco van Basten yesterday fell victim to

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a flu virus, leaving the Frenchman to take up his mantle up front. With Rund Gullit also injured. Frank Rijkaard and international, should help the favourites to an easy win. Barcelona, too, should safely

secure a share of the roundrobin jackpot by overcoming CSKA Moscow in the Nou stadium. Johann Cruyff, their coach, was cautious, as ever, yesterday - "the draw in Moscow was not bad, but it taught us we have to respect our opponents," he told reporters — and also unusually coy when asked if he had joined Milan in the race to sign Dennis Bergkamp, the Ajax forward.

Werder Bremen's visit to Sparta Prague is, arguably, the most intruiging of the the Cup Winners' Cup second round, second leg ties. Trailing 3-2 after the first leg in Germany, Werder, the holders, are underdoes. "Nothing is impossible, we

can make it," Willi Lemke, their coach, said. "We can only create the mood where the team plays to a 150 per cent level and has luck on its side."
In the Uefa Cup, David Platt's Juventus should dis-pose of Panathinaikos in Turin after winning the first leg 1-0 in Greece, but the spotlight will fall not on the Englishman but on Andy Möller, the in-form German, and Roberto Baggio.



Focal point: Möller, of Germany, will be marshalling Juventus in the Uefa Cup

TENNIS

An easy win for colourful Courier Clays defeats Bell

to take junior title By John Hennessy jected triple lutzes would not be necessary. His pupil brought off three other triples

> - and they adequately served his purpose. Stephanie Main. Murrayfield, was similarly dislodged by Emma Warmington, the winner in 1991, in the women's junior event. Main survived a shaky triple salchow to start with but a

- toe loop, salchow and loop

stumble on a double axel immediately afterwards seemed to unnerve her. Warmington was launched on her confident way with a triple salchow in combination with a double toe loop and thereafter hardly put a foot wrong, although she also de-

cided wisely not to tempt fate

with another triple jump. With another triple jump.

RESULTS: Technical programme: Womer, 1, 8 Man (Murayseid), 0.5pts; 2, E. Warmington (Sunderland), 1.0; 3, S. Coulson (Sunderland), 1.5 Men; 1, S. Bell (Solinul), 0.5; 2, S. Bradey (Solinul), 1.0; 3, S. Clays (Descrie), 1.5. Pairs; 1, E. Reed and P. Reed (White) Bay, 0.5; 2, K. Hamilton and D. Haywood (Oxford), 1.0; 3, N. Thomas and D. Thomas (Reverside), 1.5. Jumor finals; Women; 1, E. Warmington (Sunderland), 2, Dis; 2, S. Man (Murayseid), 25; 3, S. Coulson (Sunderland), 4.5. Men; 1, S. Clays (Descrie), 2.5; 2, S. Bradey (Solinul), 3.0; 3, S. Pairs; 1, E. Reed and P. Reed (Whitey Bay), 1.5; 2, K. Hamilton and D. Haywood (Caford), 3, 0.

Paris: Jim Courier, the world No. 1, moved swiftly into the third round of the Paris Open here vesterday. The American. at his most powerful, needed no more than 59 minutes to defeat the Russian, Andrei Chesnokov, 6-3, 6-0.

It was an impressive performance, combining explosive hitting, accurate serving and neat volleying. After a six-week break, Courier is eager to remove any rust from his game before the ATP championship in Frankfurt later this month. After recently signing

a lucrative new clothing con-tract. Courier was hardly recognisable in light brown shorts, an unusual basebalistyle shirt of black and white stripes with red collar and arms, and his trademark white cap. But there was no mistaking

the relentless groundstrokes from the back of the court with which he hammered Chesnokov into submission. "Paris is a very special place for me for this is where it all started." Courier said, referring to his breakthrough success in the again is very important,"

French Open in 1990. Michael Chang, who won the French Open the previous year at the age of 17, was the first seed to fall, losing in three sets to a fellow-American, David Wheaton.

Chang, the fourth seed, battled from a set down but had to concede defeat by 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 after two hours and 21 minutes. It was an important success for Wheaton, who has slipped to 58th in the rankings.

Wheaton said. "I've had a discouraging year. The wins weren't coming and I started to lose confidence." Wheaton will now play the Russian fourteenthseed, Aleksandr olkov, for a place in the

Chang's defeat increases the chances of Petr Korda, Andre Agassi. Boris Becker and Wayne Ferreira being able improve their rankings before the Frankfurt event, which is limited to eight players. "Beating a top ten player Chang is still unsure of a place.

ICE HOCKEY

Visits to Bracknell now less productive

By Norman de Mesquita

WHAT a difference a year makes. Last season, Bracknell Bees had a dreadful home record. Last weekend, they set a club record by gaining their fourth successive win before their own supporters, beating Murrayfield Racers by 9-4.

The Racers, who have struggled to find consistency this season, quickly bounced back with an 11-5 success over

CYCLING

Norwich and Peterborough Pirates, Chris Palmer having his most productive game so far with seven goals and two assists.

Fife Flyers, 8-6 winners over Humberside Seahawks. continue to lead the premier division of the Heineken League with Cardiff Devils and Bracknell two points behind them. Steve Cadieux had an impressive home debut for the Cardiff club, scoring five

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 7, Buttato Sabres 5; Montreal Canadiens 2, Winnipeg Jets 1; Calgary Flames 5, Vancouver Canucks 2;

MOTOR RALLYING

Durham Wasps, after fighting back from a four-goal deficit to share 22 goals with Billingham Bombers, just scraped home against the Bees, their player-coach, Paul Smith scoring the winning goal with only 21 seconds left on the clock.

Basingstoke Beavers remain the only club in the top two divisions with a 100 per

fondshire 19, Sussex 27; Middlesex 10, Army 8; Kent 24, Eastern Counties 15; Surrey 25, Hampshire 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wigen 44, Shelfield Eagles 10.

goals in the 13-4 win over cent record and their 10-5 win over Swindon Wildcats was the fifth time in six games that they have amassed a doublefigure score.

There continues to be some doubt about the future of Ayr Bruins. Their weekend fixtures were postponed and they will remain suspended until the financial guarantee that the British Ice Hockey Association requires from the club is forthcoming.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Shot putter admits taking clenbuterol during AAAs event

By JOHN GOODBODY

AUSTRALIAN shot putter has admitted taking the controversial drug denbuterol while he was competing in the AAA championships in Birmingham in June, and says he faces an enquiry into the incident by Athletics Australia, the national governing body, next week. Craig Watson, who said that

he was using the drug for a tight chest, described the situa-tion as an "absolute fiasco". Clenbuterol, which is licensed in Germany for treating asthma, is the substance the two British weightlifters, Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies. were sent home from the Barceiona Olympic Games for

Watson told the British magazine, Athletics Today. that his name had not been released by Athletics Australia because of the sensitivity of the affair. He said: "It seems to be that the authorities want to get Katrin Krabbe because of the controversy over the test in South Africa." He believed he was a "sort of scapegoat". Krabbe, the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champi-

on, and her German col-Manuela Derr, tested positive for clembuterol after giving urine samples in early July. It is debatable whether the drug was legally proscribed as an "anabolic agent" before the meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission on July

Watson said that he was advised in November 1991 by the Australian Sports Drugs Agency that the drug was not banned as an anabolic agent. "People cannot go round changing the status of things without warning," he said.
Watson admitted that he

had not declared at the time of giving the urine sample in Birmingham that he had taken clembuterol, which the IOC believes is listed both as a stimulant and an anabolic

Since the sample was given in competition, when stimulants are banned, Watson faces a probable suspension, but the ban will be longer if it is confirmed as an anabolic

SQUASH

Defeat adds to Gregory's poor season

BY COUN MCQUILLAN

PAUL Gregory's season moved from bad to worse in the Pimm's Premier League on Monday. Having surrendered a crucial point for Lambs Club last week by arriving in Manchester after official match start time, he dropped another point by losing an apparent banker fourth-string rubber to Julian Wellings in Lambs' 3-1 vic-tory at Lingfield. Renowned until this season

as one of the toughest young players on the international circuit, Gregory, 24, won the 1991 national championship and has been a regular in the national squad. Wellings, 20, is the Sussex No. 2, ranked

With Leekes Wizards playing without their two top men against Surbiton and drop-ping the first string point when Philip Whitlock lost 9-1, 5-9, 2-9, 2-9 to Ross Norman. the surprisingly straightforward 9-6, 9-2, 9-0 Wellings victory deprived Lambs of joint League leadership. Lambs' London rivals, Can-

nons Chib, defeated Village Manchester 4-0 on the same night to gain equal second place. Chris Dittmar secured the last point with a crushing, 20-minute, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0 dismissal of Mark Madean at first string, and not as previously reported.

RESULTS: Lingfield 1, Lambs Cub 3: Leeless Wizards 3, Courtehop Surbiton 1; Reclaste Club 3, St. Metons 1; Cannons Cub 4, WY Village Manchester 0, Leegue Positions: Leeless Wizards 17pts; Lambs Club 16, Carmins Club 16, Reclasts Club 9, Courtehop Surbiton 7, Lingfield 8, WF Village Manchester 1, St. Metons 1.

TCCB ruling will harm Athey's hopes

The Test and County Cricket Board's registration committee ruled yesterday that Bill Athey, who refused a new contract with Gloucestershire, must be categorised as a List One player. Counties are permitted to sign only two such players in any five-year period, which will limit Athey's opportunities of finding a new

.

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☐ Sussex have signed a threeyear sponsorship deal with The Merrydown Wine Company worth over £200,000.

Benn's date

Boxing: Nigel Benn will make his first defence of the WBC super-middleweight title against Nicky Piper, of Wales, cember 12.

All-conquering

Bowls: South Africa swept the board in the men's paraplegic events in the world wheelchair championships at Club La Mota, Mojacar, Spain, yesterday, adding the singles and pairs titles to the triples they won on Saturday.

Winning encore

American football: The Minnesota Vikings beat the Chica-go Bears 38-10 on Monday to take a two-game lead in the NFC Central race.

Fighting back

Table tennis: England eased their fears of relegation from the European League super division with a 4-0 victory over Hungary yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL ASIAN CUP: Group A: United Arab Emirates 2, North Koree 1; Japan 1, Iran 0. SCHOOLS MATCHES: English British Gas Trophy: Third round: Walsall 5, Scolopor 0. English Addids under-19 trophy: Cleveland 3, North Yorkshire 2.

Late results on Tuesday FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Crystal Palace 1

Arsenal 2.
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First division: Choisea 2 West Ham 1.
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Susarso (Indo), 1,220; 3, T Saier-Lauridsen
(Den), 1,055; 4, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den),
1,030; 5, Wu Werksi (China), 975, 6, J
Suprierto (Indo), 855; 7, F Permedi (Indo),
845, 8, Zhao Jianhau (China), 840; 9, Lu
Jun (China), 820; 10, A Budi Kusume (Indo),
785. Women: 1, Ye Zhaoyfing (China),
1,430; 2, L Xiaoqing (Swo), 1,140; 3, S
Kusumawardhan (Indo), 1,085; 4, Tang
Juhong (China), 940; 5, C Magnusson
(Swe), 915; 6, S Susanti (Indo), 850; 7, H
Hua (Chi, 730; 8, L Heurg-soon (S Kon),
705, 9, Y Santoso (Indo), 695; 10, P
Nedergaard (Den), 625.

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BOXING WOLVERHAMPTON: Professional con-test: British tide eliminator: Light-middle-weight: Robert McCracles of Eliminatorial

GRENOBLE: 3km race: J Longo (Fr), 3mm 40.264sec (world record). GRENOBLE: Ste-day race: Leading positions (after tith night): 1, G Ducks-Lasselle (Fr) and P Bincoleto (tt), 189 points; 2, W Stutz and B Zberg (Switz), 105, one lap behind; 3: A Battle and G Lombard (tt), 150, four leps: 4, J-C Colots and P Terentin (Fr), 135, five laps; 5, R Van Stycke and L Colyn (Bel), 116.

DORTMUND: Studey cycle: Leading positions (efter fifth day)* 1, O Ludwig (Ger) and P Peters (Holl), 411 points; 2, R Atdag (Ger) and D Clark (Auc.), 506, one lab behind; 3, B Ruj and K Betschart (Swtz), 265, two: 4, U Freuler (Swtz) and P Lino (Fr), 234, five. ORIENTEERING

LYNDHURST: Nestonal ranking event: Men (16km): 1, C Hallett (Bristol), 89-03; 2, P Hague (Southampton University), 62-53; 3, M Chapman (London), 94-88. Women (9 6km); 1, K Bryan-Jones (Forth Valley), 70-50; 2, A Collyer (Southampton), 84-07; 3, H Smith (Octaviens, Coventry), 84-54.

FOOTBALL

Second round, second lea

European Cup Winners' Cup

Second round, second leg

Second round, second leg

Sheffield Wed (1) v Kalserslautem (3) (all ticket, 7.15)

Standard Liege (1) v Hearts (0) (8.0)

Liverpool v Spartak Moscow (all ticket, 7.35)

European Cup

First-leg ecore in bra

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Barclays League

Leeds (1) v Rangers (2) (at ticket, 8.05)

ABIDJAN: Ivory Coast raby: Leading final positioner: 1. K. Shinozuloz. [Japan]. Missublath Gelant, 4th 4min 000ec; 2, B. Thry (Bel), Opel Kadelt, at 1:23:00; 3, P. Severs, (Ivory Coast), Aud 90 Custro, at 1:28:00; 4. Nisishyana (Japan). Nissan Pulsar, at 2:14:00; 5, S. Assel (Lebanon). Toyota, Calica, 7:42:27; 6, A. Oudit (Fr), Nissan Surny, 7:46:38. POLO

NEVILLE CVIENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Odord Unded (7 18): Portsmouth v Luton Town (7.0): Totlenham v Josech Town (2.0): Wattord v Pulham: Wimbledon v Arsanel (2.0). Second division: Plymouth Angyle v Torquey United, League Cup: Yeovil v Bristol Rovers (7 45)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Rainham v Metropolitan Polica. Third division: Horsham v Cova.

FA VASE: First round replays: Chester-Le-Sirest v West Allotment Celtic; Bridgnorth v St Andrews.

Chippenham v Mangotsfield. HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Pirat division: Shepshad Albion v Ashton United.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brenitam Athletic y Comard

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier de Chippenham v Monoche

TELFORD RC: Vollamagen national championships: Men's singles: First round: J Lenton (Beds) bt N Dyson (Midds), 5-4, 6-2: N Jones (N Welse) bt P Wight (Devor), 6-4, 6-4; M Wyeth (Surrey) bt N Weal (Surrey), 6-4, 6-2; M Coombs (Essad) bt L Davies (Shropshire), 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; G Engleman (Midds) bt D Sanders (Somerset), 7-6, 7-5; D Hants (Essad) bt A Mospan (Notab), 7-6, 6-4, A Yorke (Surrey) bt D Williams (Midds), 6-3, 6-4; D Colins (Doon) bt J Marryn (Sussed, 6-2, 6-3, Women's singles: First round: B Borneo (Beds) bt M Hughes (N Wales), 7-6, 6-1; E Jelfs (Dzon) bt J Brant (Surrey), 6-4, 7-5, A Walmeright (Essae) bt A Moverley (Yorks), 6-3, 7-6; C Taylor (Doon) bt I Wild (Notal), 6-0, 6-3; S Tee (IoM) bt S Bourling (Yorks), 3-4, 6-3, 6-3; F Stoner (Surrey) bt S Longbottom (Yorks), 6-2, 7-5, L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt E Bond (Gloucs), 6-0, 6-3, C Spencer (Middis) bt L Needham (Cambs), 6-2, 6-2. TODAY'S FIXTURES

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Combran v Meestag Park; Eldow Vale v Inter Cardiff; Llonell v Briton Peny. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Burrley v Presion (7.15); Huddensleid v Coventry, Oldhari v Cartesty (7.0); York v Port Vale (7.0). RUGBY UNION Tour matches Midlands v South Africa (at Leicester, 2.30) Swansea v Australia (2.30) ..

Cardiff v Oxford University (7.15)

HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University v East Angliens (North Oxford Sports Ground, 3 15). BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Merr. First division: Birmingham Bullets v Themes Velley Tigers, Leicester Fliders v Manchester Giants.

Club match

OTHER SPORT CE SKATING: Brush championehips (Milton Keynes). SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges champPARIS: Men's tournement: First round: Men's singles: E Sánchez (Sp) bt A Chertuscov (Rus), 7-8, 6-4, D Wheston (US) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 7-8, 7-6; A Meckvelov (Ukr) bt F Santon (Fr), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; A Mansdorf (as) bt C-U Sleeb (Ger), 6-3, 3-8, 6-3; O Desitre (Fr) bt S Passcoolido (fi), 6-2, 7-8; C (Poline (Fr) bt O Cemporese (fi), 7-8; 3-5, 6-3; D Rostagno (US) bt N Kubl (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt F Clevet (Sp), 6-3, 6-2, J Hessek (Swe); bt T Muster (Austrie), 6-3, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt G Renoux (Ar), 6-3, 6-2, J Hessek (Swe); bt T Renoux (Fr), 6-1, 6-1, Second round: A Volkov (Russ), 6-1, 6-1, Second round: A Volkov (Russ), 6-3, 6-4, D Wheston (US) bt M Chang (US), 6-4, 1-6, 8-3, Fo; M Sich (Ger) bt M Lensson (Swe), 4-6, 7-8, 6-4.

OARQ.AND, California: West Classics worm-

OANLAND, Celliomis: West Classic wom-en's tournement: First round: 1: Sauchento-Nelland (Lel) bt H Keleel (Can), 7-6. 3-6. 8-2. I Majoi: (Crossite) bt K Habsudova (C2), 6-2. 6-7, 6-1; A Grossman (US) bt R Winle (US), 6-1, 7-6; L McNell (US) bt K Po (US), 6-3, 7-6; L McNell (US) bt K Po (US), 6-3, 6-3. (US) bt K Po (US), 6-3, 6-3.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J Courier (US), 3,424 pts; 2, P Samprea (US), 3,295; 3, S Edderg (Swe), 3,204; 4, G Nerrisswor (Crossies), 2,406; 5, M Charry (US), 2,295; 6, P Korde (US), 2,118, 8, A Agessi (US), 1,971; 9, B Beoler (Ger), 1,794; 10, W Fernera (SA), 1,783. Britishr: 101, J Bates, 407; 176, C Wildman, 199; 237, M Perchey, 118, 277, C Beiley, 92; 343, A Castle, 63; 345, S Cole, 81; 408, D Sapstord, 45; 478, A Foster, 31; 497; A Richardson, 28; 603, C Beacher, 17, Money winners: 1, Currer, 81, 567; 176; 2, Edberg, 51,515;504; 3, Sampres, \$1,267;747; 4, kanisewo, 51,047,466; 5, Agessi, \$1,011,769; 6, Kords, 5947,713; 7, Chang, \$74,827; 8, Lendi, \$744,588; 9, Becker, \$653,982; 10, M Sich (Ger), \$643,208.

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TENPIN BOWLING LE MANS: World Cup: Men (after 16 games): 1. K Hills (38), 3,825 pins; 2, P Neportuceno Phill, 3,588: 3, 8-J Van de Boogean (1-10), 3,548: 4, M Mul: (Aus), 3,412; 5, Cheng-Ming Yang (Tawan), Nephraucano (Print), Janes, J., Sulvir (Just), Boogaan (Hoti), 13-86; 4, M. Mutr (Just), 3,412; 5, Cheng-Ming Yang (Taiwan), 3,337; 8, R. Griffin (US), 3,338; 7, P. Svensson (Swe), 3,305; 8, L. Saczo (Ire), 3,300; 9, A. Rodriguez (Mard), 3,278; 10, R. Vicino (Arg), 3,277; Women (etter six games); 1, M. Backel (Gar), 1,334; 2, J. Loverboach (Hoti), 1,336; 3, C. Solis (Print), 1777.

Woosnam chases former glories in World Cup

GOLF

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT,

IAN Woosnam has not enjoyed a good season by his high standards, but he has the opportunity to put it behind him in the World Cup of Golf, which begins here tomorrow on the new course at La Moraleia.

Woosnam inspired Wales to famous win in 1987, when he also claimed the individual trophy, and he won the indi-vidual trophy again last year-although he incurred a penalty in the last round that cost Wales the chance of regaining the World Cup. "I would like to think we can

challenge again," Woosnam said. "It has been a disappointing season for me but I seem to get fired up for the World Cup so I am hoping for the best." Woosnam will need to

rediscover his putting touch. Mark Mouland, his partner, finished 84th in the Volvo order of merit, and Woosnam would appear to have more chance of success in the individual section. He is optimistic of emulat-

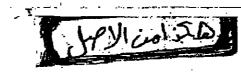
ing Jack Nicklaus (1963, 1964 and 1971) by becoming only the second player to win the World Cup individual prize three times.

Woosnam began this year at the top of the Sony world rankings. He is now fifth but hopes a lesson from Bob Torrance has put him back on course. "I've been holding the club too tightly." he said. "I've got my legs working, which means I don't have to grip the club so tightly and this has

removed the tension. I hope to reap the benefits this week." The United States - represented by Fred Couples, the Masters champion, and Davis Love III - have been made the favourites but England, Ireland, and Scotland have strong partnerships.

Strong partnerships.

TEAMS: Argentons (A Critz, R Alvárez), Australia (P O'Malley, B Oglei), Brazil (A J Pedro, J Corletz), Carrada (J Z Zolor), 6 Frankini), Chila (R M Yaomana, G E Alvárez), Colombia (A Romeno, R Visidand, Colombia (A Romeno, R Visidand), Chila (B M Yaomana, G E Alvárez), Osombia (A Stremeno, O Esiddeen), England (D Gibtord, S Richardson), Frismod (I Vezr de Velda, M Bornes (A Stremeno, M Germany (B Larger, H-P Thuel), Greece (C Pappes, V Verlad, M Germana, C Vez de Velda, C Smits ven Weesbengha, Hong Kong (Yeu, String, Dominique Boulet), Irelend (C Cornor, J R Reisley), Isale (C Florica, S Grappasonni), Jepan (N Murota, H Miyese), Mesco (E Serna, E Toledo), Afoncoco (M Maisrouna, F Mousee), New Zeeland (F Nobito, G Turmer), Norwey (P Heuganud, G Midosige), Paragusuy (P Heuganud, G Midosige),



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6.00 BBC Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55

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9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a topical studio discussion (3702839) 9.45 Ross King. Game show. This moming's guests are Steve Cram and Ruth Madoc (s) (5125181)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (7021988) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (s) (5324297)

10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Magazine, series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes an inquisitive Lesley Joseph, a romantic tale introduced by Barbara Cartland, consumer affairs and an agony aunt phonib-in. With News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (42672988)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Trichmarsh is joined by actress and comedianne Josie Lawrence (s) (9564297) 12.55 Regional News and weather (78694926)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (31758) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42892988) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax)

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 Rugby Union. Live coverage from Leicester of the game between the Midlands and South Africa, Introduced by Chris Rea. The commentators are Nigel Starmer-Smith and Bill Beaumont (276365)
 Potsworth & Co. Animation (r) (4869100) 4.35 The Worst Day of

My Life. Australian cornedy drama. (Ceefax) (8983452)

5.00 Newsnound (2121723) 5.06 Grange Hill. Children's drama serial sat in a secondary school (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8378013)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (638742). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. (Ceefax)

Weather (471)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (723). Northern treland: Neighbours
7.00 Edorado. (Ceefax) (s) (9297)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes news of a car-powered

a computer. (Ceefex) (s) (907) 8.00 Trainer. Drame series set in the world of horse-racing. (Ceefex) (s)

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8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (497723)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Manyn Lewis. (Ceeted Regional news and weather (351075)

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"Taxi!": Michael Palin hitches a ride in istanbut (9.35pm)

programmes as, like the man in the Milk Tray advert, he takes every form of transport in order to reach his destination. Having managed to sail from Odessa just hours before the port is closed by the

Russian generals' coup against Gorbachev, he looks forward to an easy trip across Western Turkey and the Mediterranean to the mouth of the Nile, but needless to say nothing is as simple as it sounds. The journey becomes traught but Patin's gentel manner sedom fatters. Indeed his sense of the abound is what continues to

make the series enjoyable. Monty Python may be ancient history but when Palin takes tea with the cricket-obsessed British garrison in Cyprus or admires istanbul's military display of "men with false moustaches who can't march straight", the spirit lives on. (Ceefax)

Sportsnight introduced by Ray Stubbe: Football: news and highlights from tonight's European competitions involving British clubs and a round-up of the weekend's Premier League action;

Rugby Union: highlights of Midlands v South Africa and Swansea

11.25 Smokey Robinson in Concert. The Motown singing star recorded

at the Stars Deset (m., Las Vegas (s), (697100)

12.20am Weather (2022766). Ends at 12.25

3.30 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (25383834) 3.40

Accountancy Television (78042563) 4.00 TV Edits (9182308).

9.35 Pole to Pole: Mediterranean Maze.

● CHOICE: Michael Palin continues to put the travel back into travel

when Nicholas Witchell and Tanya Sillem present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and

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10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susar Sharpe, Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks — excerpt: Academy of St Martin-in-theields under Neville Marriner); Sibelius (The Origin of Fire: Helsinki University Male Choir. Academic Choral Society State Academic Male Choir of the Estonian SSR: Helsinki ulharmonic Orchestra under Pagyo Berglund); Debussy (La Cathédrale Engloutie Prejudes, Bk I. Claudio Arrau, sano). Gouned (Peti Symphonie: Saint Paul CO under Christopher Hogwood); Massenet (Le demier Sommei de la Vierge: English Chamber Orchestra under Paul Torteller, cello). Rossmi (Cum Sencto Spiritu, Petite Messe Sciennelle Coro Polifonico del Teatro alla Scala under Romano Gandolfi); Martucci (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat ninor, second movement: Philiparmonia under Francesco Caprice: London Philharmonic

under Bryden Thomson); Vwaldi (Concerto in F. RV442: 1

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cité. Poème cinémato graphique: Strasbourg Radio Symphony Orchestra under Georges Tzipine) 4.00 Choral Eventsong: Live from Chichester Cathedral
5.00 in Turne: Edward Graenfield's guest is the violinist ida Haandel

7.30 Meurizio Polikal: The pianist. inve from the Festival Hall, London, plays Beathoven (Sonata in E flat, Op 7: Sonata in E, Op 109, 8-25 Out of the Dance, by Allisen Ireland. Read by Sorcha Cusack, 8,45

9.40 Four Score and Ten second of four programmes, Frances Partridge, the last surviving member of the Bloomsbury group, talks about how she became a serious diarist at the beginning of the second world war

9.55 Haydn: The English Concert under Travor Pinnock performs Symphony No 38 in C Magainen — L'Ascension: 10.15 1 Gillian Wetr plays four symphonic meditations on the organ in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Westengton DC

10.45 Night Waves, with Peter Holland. Includes a first-night review of Peter Whelan's play. The School of Night 11.30 Chopin — The Great Interpreters: The pients amerpretere: The pients!
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Pretudes, Op 26: Waltz in A
minor, Op 34 No 2; Trois
Nouvelles Etudes; Tarantella,
Op 43: Ballade No 3 in A flat,
Op 47

12.30-12.35am News

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3.00 Breakfast News (4685365) 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (8139520)

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Charnel as a defence against invasion (3315365)

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Coverage of the Maastricht debete (47051)

5.00 Play Snooker. The third of six Dennis Taylor masterclasses (r) 5.30 Tender, Siender and Tall. A documentary following three American jazz veterans — Shorty Jackson, Eddie Barefield and Wesley Landers, now part of the Kansas City Jazz Band — on the residual at concerts and talking about the old days, their music and

6.00 Star Trek. Vintage 1960s science fiction drama series starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy. The first of a two-part story in which Captain Kirk is forced to wonder whether Mr Spock is trying to

which Capital's Kirk is locate to wonder whether Mr Spock is trying to stage a mutiny (f). (Ceefax) (503029)

6.50 The Shettand Sessions. Aly Bain at the 1991 Shettand Folk Festival. Tonight's guests include (rish group Craobih Rua and local bands Hom Bru and Eart Kyent (s) (753015)

7.20 Liverpool in Europe. Bob Wilson infroduces live coverage of the European Cap Militages Cap Second round account lost match at

European Cup Winners Cup second round, second leg match at Antield between Liverpool and Spartak Moscow. The commentators Arrived between Everpoor and Spartak Moscow. The commentators are John Motson and Trevor Brooking with expert analysis from Jimmy Hill and Alan Hansen (47452075)

NB: If the game goes into extra time the following programmes may be postponed or delayed



Hot pursuit: Warren Clarke as the Chief inspector (9.25pm)

9.25 The Secret Agent. Episode two of the three-part adaptation of Joseph Conrad's novel starring David Suchet, Cheryl Campbell and Warren Clarke. Vertoc has been set the task of blowing up the Greenwich Observatory, if he fails he will be revealed as a traitor to the anarchists' cause. (Ceafax) (s) (197704)

10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron (362617)

11.15 The Late Show. A review of Channel 4's first decade (s) (934758)

11.55 Weather (361618) 12.00 Film: The Rise To Power of Louis XIV (1966, b/w). The Roberto Rosselfini season continues with this dramatic examination of political manipulation, starring Jean-Marie Patre, Sivagni and Raymond Jourdan. In French with English subtitles (943281), Ends at 1.35. Northern Ireland: Public Eye — The Mind Managers 12.30am-2.00 Film: The Rise to Power of Louis XIV

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Wells talks about her animal creations (f) 3.00 The Mastricht Debate (LW

television critic Mark Lawson talks on behalf of J.R. Ewing

(Larry Hagman), the villainous star of Dalles (s)

4.00 News
4.05 Kateidoscope reviews the film
Last of the Mohicans, starring
Dantel Day-Lewis; looks at film
and video guides; and listens
to poetry by litgenija
Zagoricnik-Simonic (s)

4.45 Short Story: Success or Failure, by T.H. White. Read by Christian Rodska

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6.00 Sbx O'Clock News 6.30 Round British Guiz: London v Scotland. Gordon Clough

ine final (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite

7.45 All in the Mind: The actor

recovery (r)

and Anthony Quinton present

Brian Blessed talks about his

nervous breakdown, and his

arrived at a home for wavward

girls in Hull, She recalls her experiences and tracks down

8.15 The Wayward Girls: In 1951, 18-year-old Jean Hartley, unmarried and pregnant,

other girls who were there in the liftles and states 8.45 Come the Revolution? Nell

Walker talks to men whose jobs and skills were replaced by new technology in the sades and seventies 9.15 Kalaidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight on the New York Control of the Programme of the Pr

(s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Lotering

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11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News. incl 12.27 Weether 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

11.00 Magic Momenta: Honda's

takeover of the British

only): Live from Parliament 3.00 File on 4

3.42 Devil's Advocate: The

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Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weether

and birthday guest, isbuilst author Clive Barker (s)

10.00-10.30 You Know it Makes Sense (FM only): Geoff Watts looks at touch (5/6) (s)

10.30 Woman's Hour: The lavelin thrower Fatima Whitbread talks about her move away from sport and her new post as

10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only); John Millori's poem (3/41)

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the Voluntary Service

Oversess, Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time celebrates 2,000 editions (r) 12.00 You and Yours

12.25pm The House: A political drama by Christopher Lee (2/6) (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (8) (r) 1.55

CHOICE: Adapting Holmes's and Monarty's

criminal, Coules prepare

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reflections of each other

because "we both tried to impose a certain order on a

chaotic world, my path combatting evil, his embracing it". Coules's interpolations put

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Reichenbach Falls (s).

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Coules has done something rather clever. By prefecting - Conan Doyle's story with quotes from lactures given by the sleuth and the master

tor something else not found in the original story — Holmes's belief that he and

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ek, with Libby Purves

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6.00 TV-am (2743164)

9.25 Keymotes Music game show hosted by Alistair Divall (4345278)
9.55 Themes News (5300617)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series (1582407)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Firmigan. Toda, 's edition includes citizen' rights

advice, family law and Liza Goddard on how to surrive the menopause. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (90868487) 12.10 Alisorts Young children's entertainment (r) (s) (2509075) 12.30 Lunchtime News (Oracle) Weather (3387926) 1.05 Thames News (58842839)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama senss (848181) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (847452) 2.15 Graham Kerr. The chal prepares tava bean soup (839433) 2.45

Take the High Road Highlands-based drama serial (7274984)
3.10 ITN News headlines (9699384) 3.15 Thames News headlines (9698655) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama series set in an ustrakan city hospital (3975094)

3.50 Bugs Burry, Cartoon (3864563) 3.55 Rupert the Bear, Animation (1063723) 4.20 Grothegs. Carol Lee-Scott stars as the wicked witch (s) (9854033) 4.40 Wooff Cornedy adventures of a boy who

keeps turning into a dog. (Oracle) (si (6052742) 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.

presented by Bob Holness (8362452) 5.40 Early Evening News, (Oracle) Weather (892013) 5.55 Thames Help (1 (117100)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (639) 6.30 Thames News (891)

7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspal brings a tump to the throat of

another unsuspecting worthy (s) (4865)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (425)
8.00 The European Match. Live coverage of the European Cup second round, second leg match at Elland Road between Leeds United and Glasgow Rangers, introduced by Ian St John The commentators are Bran Moore and Ron Allanson (2617)
News at Ten (Oracle) Weather (40013) 10.30 Thames News



Following in JFK's footsteps: Robert Kennedy (10.40pm)

10.40 The Kennedys: The Legacy.

• CHOICE: The final part in this lucid series begins by charting the or Holice: The limit part in this lucid series begins by charting the political rise of Robert Kennedy after the death of his brother. Such was the family's god-like aura in the eyes of the public that he had no trouble attracting audiences, but not everybody who wanted to see a Kennedy wanted to vote for one. Robert had to lose much of his natural diffidence before he could compel people to vote for him. Then, just as his dream looked possible, he was muchered—a transdrumbirth shunned not only his one consorters but these of the tragedy which stunned not only his own supporters but those of the McCarthy campaign workers who were watching the television screen as it happened. After the demise of Bobby, Edward eventually took up the reins but his playboy image and events at Chappaquiddick were to dog his career. The Kennedy saga is a familiar one but hearing about it from eye-witnesses makes it as compelling as ever. (Oracle) (1979520)

11.50 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (370839)

12.20am Film: Cool Hand Luke (1967) starting Paul Newman and

George Kennedy. Prison drama with Newman a brash new arrival to a chain gang whose individual spirit and disrespect for the guards soon makes him a legend among his fellow prisoners. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg (34719853)

2.45 America's Top Ten introduced by Richard Blade (s) (58563)

3.15 Videotashion. The work of designers Alexander Julian and Michael Kors (56875245)

3.40 Cutz Night Inter pub and club competition (70370308)
4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville, Tennessee (r) (84681037) 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreels (39814872)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Francisco earthquake (712487) 4.15 My Little Pony: Flutter Valley (1987) Cartoon adventures (77478758)

6.45 State of the Union (1948 b/w).

Duty tals in love with his vicinii (915766) 2,60 Pretty Baby (1977) Brooke Shields stars as a civid prostate (738230)

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.20am Sireich (83617) 7.00 Super Trax (31100) 8.00 Muscle Night (12029) 9.00 Stretch (34365) 9.30 German Football (80075) 11.30 The Deater Channel (57365) 12.00 American Sports (68810) 1.00pm The Fronthater's Fronthall Show (88167) 3.00

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(1452) 6.00 Footbal News (89.2023) 6.03 WWF All-American Wrestling (64094) 7.00 The Club Show (2181) 7.30 Torque (94549) 8.30 Caron Gol Shool-Out (62365) 10.30

(91655) 12.30em Canon Golf Shoot-Out (82114) 2.30-3.00 The Club Show (31563)

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SKY SPORTS

5.00 Three's Company. American cornedy series (62259) 5.30 ITN Morning News (77018). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Carloons (43346) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (41181) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. Amencen game show (s) (27162)

9.30 Schools (886029) 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (47926) 12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school series (86568) 1.30 Eureeka's

Castle. Young children's entertainment (58520)

2.00 Film: Pink String and Sealing Wax (1945, b/w) starring Google Withers, John Carol and Mervyn Johns Ealing period filmiter set in Brighton during the 1890s about how a young man is drawn into murder through his infatuation with a publican's wite. Directed by Robert Hamer (422617)

3.40 The Three Stooges in Sippery Silks (1936, blv) (1155758) 4.00 Family Pride Drama senal about a Midlands-based Asian family

4.30 Fifteen to One Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (988) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are people who thought they had a perfect mamage until mid-life crisis struck and their

partners abandoned them (s) (8225549) 5.55 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's series, nameted by Nigel Planer (r) (115742) 6.00 Treasure Hunt Anneka Rice, armed with her fired grin, goes in

search of hidden treasure in the Cotswolds ir). (Teletext) (74568) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) Weather (243075)

7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician (469655) 8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap (Teletext) (s) (1655) 8.30 Anton Mosimann — Naturally. The master chef prepares an outdoor feast. Last in the senes (r). (Teletex.) (3902).

◆ CHOICE: This week's programme considers Pornography Women, Violence and Civil Liberties, a controversial new book of research which claims that extensive use of pomographic material can lead to rape, attacks on women and child abuse. While the terminist message is hardly new, the fact that it is supported by facts and figures could make it more difficult for people, and men in particular, to ignore. The book's lindings, based on surveys and legal evidence in Britain, Canada and the United States as well as the expenences of sex oftenders and their victims, lead editor Dr Catherne tran to sound a warning against all porn, not just the worst excesses of it. As she puts it. "Pomography has a function in creating wrong ideas about what women are, what women want

and what you can do to them" (470549)



A carp in the family bath: Anthony Walters as Rory (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies: The Big Fish.

CHOICE: The latest tale in this sense of little germs has an 11year-old linsh boy living in 1960s suburban London kidnapping a huge carp and placing it in the family bath. While young Rory's parents are at first excited by his catch, they become less so when they realise it means never having a bath Inevitably, and in the best tradition of boy-meets-arimal, B-move plots, the fish has to go. Directors Declan Donrellan and Nick Ormerod, better known for their Cheek By Jowl Theatre Company, embelish the slim story with surreal touches as we see the world through Rory's eyes complete with life-size Virgin Marys, judgmental adults in judge's wigs and even the odd Buddha. But the short works well on a naturalistic level too with Fiona Shaw excellent as the slightly unhinged Catholic mother (s) (950758) 10.00 The Golden Girls. More laughs from the gargeous Miams matrons

of a certain age. (Telefext) (s) (48655)

10.30 Packing Them In. Stand-up comedy and music (s) (153181)

11.15 Midnight Special: The Maastricht Debate. Vincent Hanna introduces a discussion on the implications of tonight's vote on the Maastricht Treat. (27070) laastricht Treaty (970029)

12.15am The Steve Alten Show (b/w). Viritage American comedy show.
The guests are Pal Carroll and the Four Diamonds (7005259)
12.40 The Best Of the Worst. Greg Kinnear introduces people with

horrible jobs and ghastly hobbies (2028940)

1.10 Film: Azaad (1951, b/w) starring Dilip Kumar. Hindi drama about a man on the run, accused of murder, who comes to the aid of a kidnap victim. Directed by S.M.S. Naidu (38708358). Ends at 3.55

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basketball player has epilepsy (3278)
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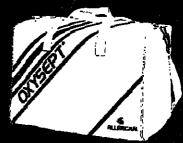




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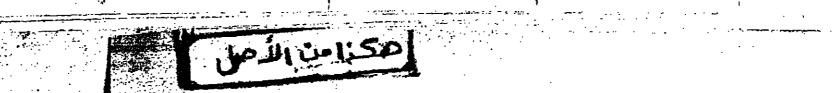
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Odds favour English champions

Leeds prepare to claim share of European riches

By STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

EITHER Leeds United or Rangers, the champions of England and Scotland respectively, will break new ground tonight the winner of their European Cup tie at Elland Road will become the first British club to reach the last eight of the European Cup since it changed to a roundrobin format last season.

The financial rewards for competing in the next stage of the competition, in which the clubs are divided into two groups of four with each team playing the others home and away, are lavish. Just reaching the last eight brings SwFr2 million (£970,000) to each club. Each will then be competing for SwFr460,000 (£225,000) for each point they collect from their six matches. There will also be gate receipts (about £350,000 each time) plus perimeter advertising, programme sales, catering

and all the usual ancillaries. The successful club tonight is likely to earn at least £4 million, but the principal incentive for progressing beyond

PROBABLE TEAM: J Lukic; C

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the second round was eloquently expressed yesterday by Gary McAllister, the Scottishborn captain of Leeds. "To test yourself against sides with the quality of AC Milan, Barcelona and Marseilles is the biggest prize of all," he said.

The winning club's officials will travel tomorrow to Geneva, where the draw takes place on Friday, to plan a schedule that will stimulate huge interest among the sup-porters as well as in the economy. The losers will go home to comparative obscurity, condemned merely to resuming mundane domestic affairs. Seldom can the consequences of a game held within these shores have been so

significant. The tension was encapsulated by one of Howard Wilkinson's asides. "I didn't even know how many teams were in the mini-league until I read the papers," the Leeds manag-er said. "I was too scared to think about it."

Had John Lukic, the Leeds goalkeeper, not been dazzled

PROBABLE TEAM: A Goram; D McPherson, D Robertson, R Gough, J Brown, I Ferguson, S McCall, I Durrant, A McColst, M

crazy goals," McAllister said.

In glancing a header past Lukic, to the benefit of Coven-

try City on Saturday, he was himself responsible for the

latest example of, as Wilkin-

son put it, "contributing to our

As long as the defensive

lapses are kept to a minimum,

own downfall".

not scoring."



Warming up: Strachan, watched by his Leeds colleagues, prepares for tonight's meeting with Rangers

Francis feels confident of success

By Ian Ross

SHEFFIELD Wednesday and Liverpool will need to Leeds should be carried through by their prolific and varied attack. Of the probable produce performances of ma-turity, skill and passion this outfield line-up, assuming that Batty recovers from his ankle injury, only he and evening if they are to prolong competition this season.

Newsome have not contributed to their total of 42 goals. At Hillsborough, Wednes-"We've never had a patch day's Uefa Cup trail will run when we could have been cold unless they can overturn a considered even vaguely de-3-1 first-leg deficit against Kaiserslautern, of Germany, games well and I can't see us ity crowd of 38,000 will assemble at Antield to see if If Lukic is unbeaten, they Graeme Souness's side can require only one to qualify on overcome Spartak Moscow in the away goals rule. McAlthe second round of the Cup Winner's Cup. Spartak enjoyed all manner of good fortune en route to a 4-2 victory in the Lenin Stadium a

fortnight ago.
Both clubs must, somehow, commit forward players in enough numbers to score the goals they need and, at the

same time, ensure their opponents do not end any hope of salvation by scoring them-selves. It is a daunting

At the conclusion of a stormy, controversial game in Germany two weeks ago one in which Hirst, the England international forward, was sent off and Kaiserslautern awarded a dubious penalty - Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, said would achieve an aggregate victory. Even thoughit is conceivable that his 16-strong squad this evening will contain just one recognised forward his stance has

changed little "I will not need to motivate my players nor will I be required to deliver a team talk." he said, "Kaiserslautern should consider themselves the favourites, but I hope that they are submerged beneath a

With Hirst suspended, Bright ineligible, Watson doubtful (because of a viral condition) and Francis himself ruled out because of a

manager may reluctantly be forced to pair Warhurst and Jemson in attack. Rainer Zobel, the Kaiserslautern coach, is seemingly bracing himself for some con-

"I understand that the Wednesday players were unhappy about both the dismissal of Hirst and the award of a penalty," he said. "I am expecting a hostile reception from the English supporters. The referee will be under much pressure and this game will be very hard for us. We must be ready for decisions to

go against us." Mike Hooper, Liverpool's

following his sending off in Moscow a fortnight ago. James, a £1.2 million purgroin strain. Wednesday's chase from Watford during the summer, had been expected to deputise, but his form on senior duty has been fitful. Souness will certainly be without Stewart, Piechnik and Whelan, but Molby, Jones injury.
"If we approach this game

properly. I think we can turn it around." Somess said. "I fancy us against anyone at home and I do believe we can score goals against them." Somess will watch the

third-choice goalkeeper, could

win a surprise recall this

evening as cover for Grobbelaar who is suspended

game from Antield's main stand after receiving a fivematch touchline ban last week for comments he made to the referee during the first leg in

S Africa ** prompt rush for tickets

ENGLAND'S rugby union international against South Africa on Saturday, November 14, has prompted the biggest rush for tickets that Twickenham has experienced. Richard Ankerson, the Rug-by Football Union's ticket officer, who has worked in the Twickenham office for almost two decades, said: "I can't remember anything like it before. We've had ticket appli-

cations from all over the globe. including countries like Sweden and Czechoslovakia." More than £2 million has already been returned to disappointed ticket applicants

throughout Britain. It is reputed that a ticket can fetch £350 on the black market. Gate receipts for the match, South Africa's first international here in 23 years, will be almost £1.1 million - equalling the record figure for the

final last November. Twickenham officials were relieved to learn yesterday that the capacity for the game will be 54,500 after receiving the go-ahead to sell an extra 10,000 tickets for places in the newly-completed East Stand. A near self-out crowd of 14,000 is expected at Welford

Road, Leicester, today for the South Africans' match with the Midland Division. S Africans start, page 36

Warrington may press for enquiry

MARK Jones, the Hull rugby league player, could be report-ed over an alleged stamping incident last Sunday in which the Warrington captain, Bob Jackson, narrowly avoided losing of an eye (Christopher

Irvine writes). Warrington say they have ering putting it before the Rugby Football League's disciplinary committee.
"It looks like a deliberate

kick. The specialist said Bob came within an eighth of an inch of losing his eye," Ron Close, Warrington's general manager, said yesterday. Jones is due to appear before the committee today to explain why he later threw a punch at Gary Tees, the

Warrington forward.

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New wage dispute at Barnet

STAN Flashman found himself in a further spot of bother again yesterday (Louise Taylor writes). The Barnet chairman. who is due to explain his book-keeping methods to a Football League commission later this month, faced a mutiny from some of his players protesting that their pay packets were up

to 660 light.

The dispute comes only a week after a strike by Barnet players who were indignant at an alleged shortfall in wages was apparently averted, following a six-hour meeting between Flashman and the Professional Footballers' Association.

ager, said: "The players received their wage slips on Saturday and half of them were not pleased." The players have called in their own accountants and Fry said: "A meeting has been arranged with accountants and hopefully they can clear matters up for

once and for all." The League is still investigating allegations of irregular payments at Barnet and has placed a transfer embargo on the north London dub. Surprisingly, Barnet are flying high in the third division. Fry said: "Not being able to go out and buy does not help me in keeping abreast of the compeproblems off the field, we are doing really well. I can't be more pleased with the overall commitment of everyone."

Vinnie Jones is due to face a Football Association disciplinary commission at Lancaster Gate on November 17. The Wimbledon midfield player is charged with misconduct for his part in a video glorifying cheating and dirty tricks in football and faces a hefty fine and/or a suspension.

Jones was a Chelsea player at the time the video, Soccers Hard Men, was made and Sam Hamman, the Wimbledon owner, has appealed to the FA not to harm his club by

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think we are going to win every time I go out." Barry Fry, the Barnet mantition. But considering all the Sutherland resigns to avert mutiny FROM BARRY PICKTHALL

IN RIO DE JANEIRO

THE British Steel Challenge, the yacht race designed to demonstrate that amateur sailors could circumnavigate the globe, sailed into troubled waters yester-day when Will Sutherland, the skipper of Commercial Union, resigned to avoid a mutiny after his vessel had straggled into port here nearly nine days behind the leaders. The 5,300 miles from the Solent had taken Commercial Union 38 days,

though that Leeds's followers

will ultimately be celebrating.

"Mind you," he added, "I

six days longer than the next slowest.
Sutherland, 47, was the only professional on board the yacht — the 13 crew members had each paid £15,000 to take part in this race — but he was forced to resign when it was made clear to him that the crew would not continue with

Sutherland discovered the depth of feeling against him as the yacht — one of ten identical 67-foot yachts in the fleet crossed the finish line. His crew members, John Gibson and Andrew Stevenson-Hamilton, performed a mock execution. Wearing a balaclava marked 'tactician", dark glasses and tapping a white stick, Gibson emerged through the companionway leading his crewmate on the end of a rope tied around his neck

"navigator". The navigational duties fall to the skipper in this race.

Problems began before the start on September 26, when the yacht crossed the starting line before the gun and was given a four-hour penalty. Relations between skipper and crew reached breaking point three weeks ago, when the crew sent an ultimatum to Chay Blyth, the race chairman, stating they would not proceed with Sutherland at

Once ashore, Jonathan Norton, 24, an surance broker from London, said: Will is a nice enough man, but he has no skills as a manager. We just lost all faith in his leadership and ability to take us down into the Southern Ocean on the next leg." The second leg to Hobart starts in 11 days' time. Sutherland, from Scaynes Hill, Sussex,

gave up a job as a management training executive to take charge of the yacht, a job which is thought to pay about £12,000 for eight months' work. Another of the crew, Alison McKichan,

28, a self-employed market researcher from Edinburgh, was also critical. "If anything I feel sorry for him. But he had such a demoralising effect on us. Any time we were having fun, he would put the dampeners on it."

his decision but he later issued a statement which read: "My crew have done admirably and were first-class. I'm pleased that the crew morale is high. I wish Richard Merriweather success in his new position and would be delighted to help him in any way I can." Commercial Union, the insurance company which paid £225,000 to sponsor the

yacht, kept its promise not to make a drama out of a crisis by saying as little as possible. But Kate Whittaker, a spokesman for the company whose slogan for the race is "We're behind you all the way", said: "We knew what was going to Byth announced yesterday that Sutherland would be replaced by Richard Merriweather, 27, who flew out here last

Saturday. The new skipper, the youngest in the fleet, has more than 60,000 sea miles behind him. Skipper apart, Norton and McKichan had nothing but praise for the rest of

their team, which include a plastic Surgeon, two company directors, a solicitor and a suspended ceiling fitter.
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Sutherland was reluctant to talk about

lister does not believe the margin will be so narrow, but his stunning early strike a fortnight ago could yet be decisive. Apart from reassuring his colleagues, he startled 43,251 supporters into prolonged silence. Now it is the turn of Rangers to enter, in Wilkinson's words, "the lion's den". Although the experience will be unique, the Scots are unlikely to be intimimidated. according to Strachan. "Ibrox was fun," he recalled. "Only had players are affected by the atmosphere and there aren't many of those playing for the champions of England and Scotland. The behaviour was great and I hope the spirit A repaired, rejuvenated Durrant and McCoist, the leader of an attack that has ACROSS 23 Inclination (5) been contained only once this 1 Unchained (5) DOWN Learned person (7) season, could inflame the Passenger charges (5) 2 Instil (7) passions of a capacity partisan 3 Off-putting (13) 4 Hit (6) crowd. Strachan is convinced 9 Work-out room (3)

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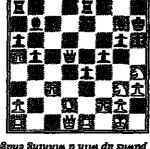
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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